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School board accepts teacher's resignation

► Teacher accused of making bomb threat 'is no longer a district employee'

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education has accepted the resignation of a Grayling Middle School teacher who allegedly made a bomb threat against the school on March 11.

GMS was closed for the day, but no explosives were found during a thorough search of the school and grounds by local law enforcement with the aid of a Michigan State Police "bomb sniffing" dog.

School Superintendent Milli

Haug said the Board accepted her resignation at its regular meeting on Monday evening.

"Kathryn Olson has resigned. On April 15, the resignation was signed and she is no longer an employee of the district." She has been an 8th grade teacher in the district for about four years.

Olson, age 43 of Grayling, was arrested by the Crawford County Sheriff Department, then arraigned April 9 in District Court after turning herself in to authorities. Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said Olson confessed to making the call on March 25 after two weeks of investigation by his department. She went out of town on spring break before her arrest.

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Camp Grayling's lakefront remains closed to the public

► Boat launch, mooring, beach off limits due to Camp's heightened security

Camp Grayling's beach and boat launch, located on the south end of Lake Margrethe -- open for years to the public -- is now closed, reports Lt. Col. Tom Lamie, Public Affairs Officer for the military installation.

Lamie said all private watercraft mooring for both public, visiting military and retirees' use of the south end of the lake has been discontinued indefinitely due to the heightened state of security at Camp Grayling.

"The cantonment area's seven-

plus mile fence was installed due to the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States," he said. "The United States military is at war and Camp Grayling continues to maintain a restricted force protection level, training for deployment of our soldiers in support of National Command Authority missions."

On a different note, the Department of Natural Resources recently notified Camp Grayling officials, advising them to cease operation of an "unlicensed state marina (mooring area)." This, coupled with the increased security levels at Camp Grayling, has caused officials to close the facility's waterfront area to remain closed.

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New life...finally a sign of spring

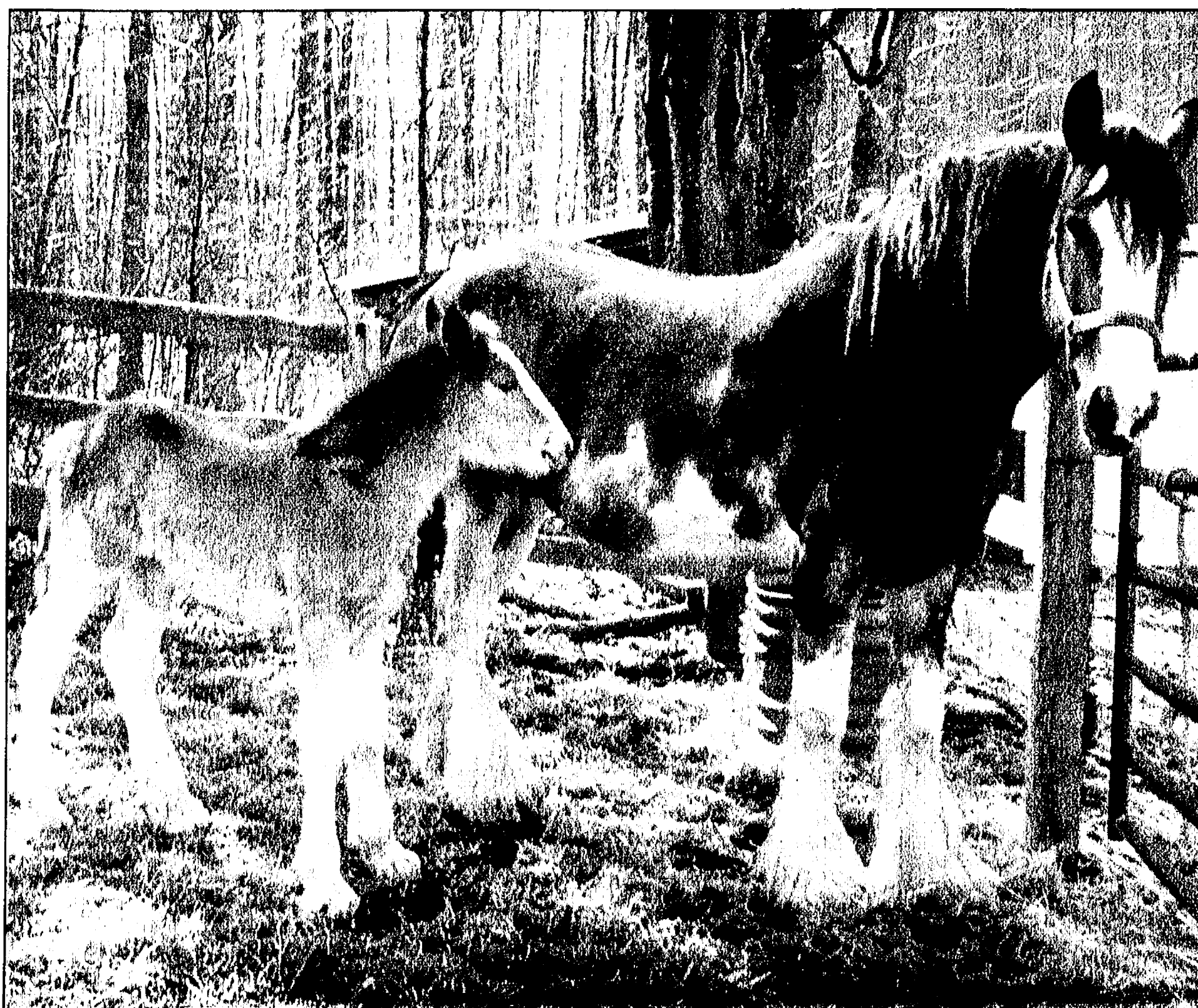


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

This little filly was born March 15 at Sugar Bush Hill Farm in Beaver Creek Township. She weighed 200 lbs. at birth, but now weighs about 400 lbs. With her is her 11-year old mother, Lady, owned by Ray and Sharon Priebe. The Priebe's have been raising Clydesdales, known as gentle giants, since 1986. Some of them can be found in teams owned by Anheuser-Busch seen in parades all over the U.S. The Priebe's have bred champions and sold horses to buyers in Scotland, Costa Rica, Venezuela and Canada.

Scouting for Food



Photos by Cheryl Ruley

During a television interview last Friday, six-year old David Somero (above) tells the people of Crawford County to "look for the yellow bags" (and blue bags) as three local Boy Scout troops begin their "Scouting for Food" community service project. Residents who received a bag on their door last Saturday are reminded to make sure they place only non-perishable food and paper products in the bag, and place it on their doorsteps by 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, for collection by the scouts. All food collected will be given to the Christian Help Center for distribution. (Right) Joseph Somero and Brent Steffey hustle to hand out "Scouting for Food" bags last week. If your food donation bag is somehow missed, call 348-6341 for pick-up.

Coe says he's running again for sheriff

Grayling City Patrolman, Timothy G. Coe, has announced he will be seeking the Republican nomination for the office of Crawford County Sheriff in the August 6 primary election.

While working as a Crawford County Deputy, Coe was narrowly defeated in the 2000 election for the same office. After leaving the road patrol due to a transfer to the corrections department, he later took a job with the Grayling City Police when a road position opened in late 2000.

After being a serious candidate in the last election, Coe said he remains sincere about bringing a new and fresh approach to the Sheriff Department in dealing with the difficult issues facing the department now and in the future. He said with the strong and loyal support he received from so many citizens in the last election, he is committed more than ever to the belief that good professional law enforcement is built on community partnership and trust.

Coe has over 30 years of law enforcement experience and began his career when he served for nearly three years in the military police during the Vietnam era.



Timothy G. Coe

He has a college degree in Law Enforcement Administration and has served the residents of Crawford County and Grayling for over 19 years. Additionally, Coe has worked in command positions as a road officer and as the administrator of the marine patrol. He is a Michigan certified police officer and has attended numerous in-service schools. Coe has advanced training in scuba diving and was a scuba instructor for many years.

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Two youths arrested in railroad car incident

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Grayling Police arrested two youths last Thursday when they were found breaking into empty railroad cars near the Crawford County Historic Museum.

Detective Dennis J. Long spotted the teens trying to force their way into four different railroad cars while he was on routine patrol about 12 noon on April 11. The cars are the property of Lake States Railroad Company of Tawas.

Long said when he first observed the teens they were acting suspiciously, but apparently believed they were hidden from view between the two sets of railroad cars (parked on inactive tracks) because they seemed to be unaware of his presence.

Long took the suspects, a 16-year old male from Grayling and a 15-year old male from Vanderbilt, into custody without incident. Their names are being held because of their juvenile status. Following their arrests, the juveniles were turned over to the District Court's Juvenile Division. Charges of breaking and entering are being sought through the Crawford County Prosecutor's Office.

Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner cautions the public that not only is this type of activity illegal, but it is also very dangerous. "Every year in Michigan, numerous individuals are seriously injured while trespassing on and tampering with railroad property," he said.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Grayling Police arrested two youths last week when they were discovered breaking into four railroad cars. The pair of suspects, both juveniles, may face charges of breaking and entering. Police Chief Karl Schreiner cautions everyone to stay away from railroad property, including the tracks, to avoid possible serious injury.

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A pre-trial conference is scheduled for April 19 and a preliminary examination for June 11 in 83rd District Court. Olson waived her right to have the examination with in 14 days of arraignment. Her attorney, Richard Jaskowski, said neither he nor his client will be making any comments at this time.

Olson remains free on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond. If found guilty, she faces up to four years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine.

Haug said the district is working closely with the Prosecutor's Office

as the criminal investigation is pursued. "Since the employment relationship with the district has been severed, it is now in the hands of the Prosecutor," she said. "We are relieved this horrible situation has been resolved, though we continue to offer counseling to the students who wish to talk, as well as an ear for the parents."

She added, "Our goal is to move on with the business of education and the improvement of our facilities. We have a lot on our horizon, and a lot to look forward to, including the high school renovation."

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The candidate said he is active in the local community serving as president of the Crawford County Historical Society, and is a member of the Grayling Carl W. Borchers V.F.W. Post. He remains active with the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Michigan and has devoted himself to working with kids as an adult leader with the local scouting programs. He is a past organizer of the Jr. Deputy program for fourth grade students.

Coe and his wife, Patti, live in Grayling with their 10-year old twins, Mollie and Sean. His stepdaughter, Heidi Niederer, 19, attends Central Michigan University, and his stepson, Paul Niederer, 23, attends Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

In his free time, Coe enjoys photography, historical research (especially related to law enforcement),

and scuba diving. He is working on a project to restore a 1950 Ford sedan to an old-time police car, which he hopes to occasionally donate for use in local festivals, fairs and parades.

When asked what the most pressing issue in this election is, Coe responded, "it has to be the budget. The county is in serious financial constraints and any serious candidate must address this problem in order to keep present services and have any hope of increasing services."

"I believe proper management of human resources along with a team effort will help bring solutions to these problems. The sheriff works for you. It is your money he or she works with. While you can not have a say in the day to day operations of the department, you do have a say in the person who does."

Childcare grants available

EQUIP Grants are available for both non-profit and for profit child care programs.

The grants are ranging from \$500 to \$3,500 to licensed or registered child care providers offered through Michigan 4C Association. EQUIP grant training is being offered in Northeast Michigan by Child & Family Services 4C.

An EQUIP (Enhanced Quality Improvement Program) grant training will be held at Michigan Works on April 22 between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Anyone interested should contact Nancie Kersey at (989) 344-5144 before April 19.

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"Unfortunately, this means public watercraft launching, mooring and use of the beach is no longer authorized."

Lamie said, however, the National Guard does maintain a recreational lease to the DNR on the northwest side of the lake, known as McIntyre Landing, just off M-72

West. "This is a public campsite, swimming area and authorized boat launch... Even Camp Commander Col. Dennis Hull will use McIntyre Landing for launching his own boat."

The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association gives the launch high marks in its March 15 newsletter.

Frederic Park Committee named

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Frederic Township Board of Trustees named a new Park Committee at its April 9 regular meeting. The committee members are Joanne Blaine, Patti Gabriel and Anna Stoddard.

The Park Committee is responsible for maintenance of the park, located on Old US-27 in Frederic, planning the decoration of the park for holidays and special occasions, as well as getting volunteers to help with the work.

As one of their many tasks, the Board wants the committee to make plans for a formal dedication of the park this year.

There was also discussion regarding past incidents of vandalism at the park, including to the gazebo, but the Board agreed to continue working to maintain and make improvements to the park for the sake of the community.

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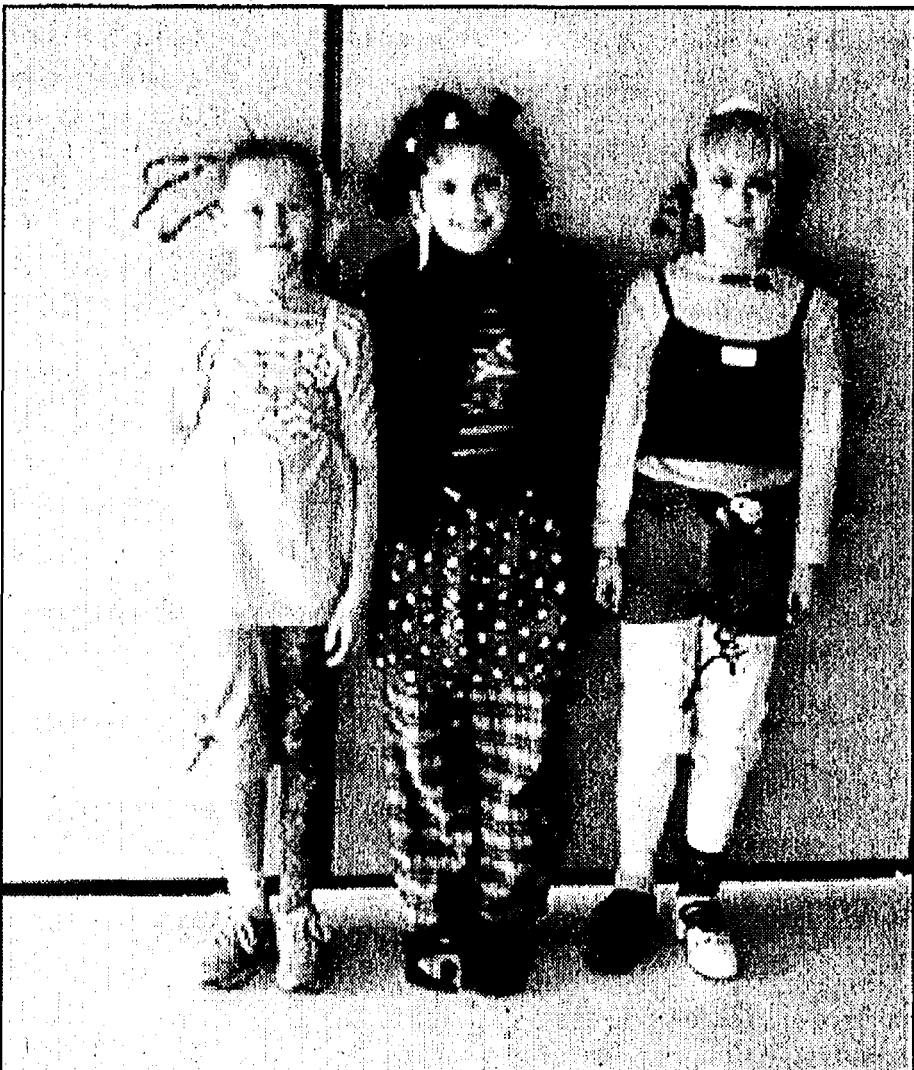
Spirit Week was held the week before spring break at GES. Students had the opportunity to participate in pajamas and slippers day, hippie and shades day, red, white and blue day and mismatch and crazy hair day. Each classroom selected their most spirited member, then a contest was held during lunch each day to select one winner for each grade.



HIPPIE DAY WINNERS are (left to right) Chelsea Prosser (grade 5), Skyler Hinklin (grade 4), Kelsey Neuberger (grade 4), and Peggy Currison (grade 3).



JAMMIES DAY WINNERS are (left to right) Melissa Kocofas (grade 3), Brady Coe (grade 4), and Tiffany Howe (grade 5).



MISMATCH AND CRAZY HAIR DAY WINNERS are (left to right) Ann Hamlin (grade 3), Aleisha Hoover (grade 4), and Kayla Schaub (grade 5).



RED, WHITE AND BLUE DAY WINNERS are (left to right) Alyssa Lewis (grade 5), Callie Wilkins (grade 3), and Ashley Feldhauser (grade 4).

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Bear Archery group files bankruptcy

By Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The parent company which includes Bear Archery, L.L.C. of Gainesville, FL, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern Division of Florida, on April 8.

North American Archery Group, L.L.C. filed the petition for protection and, according to an April 11 news article in the *Gainesville Sun*, plans to reorganize the business which includes another manufacturer, Golden Eagle/Satellite Archery.

The companies manufacture of a variety of archery-related equipment and experienced lay-offs earlier this year when revenues fell

short. The lay-offs numbered only 15, but touched the departments of management, purchasing and distribution. No workers were laid off in the manufacturing end of the company.

The company cited the financial problems at Kmart, one of North American's biggest customers, as one of the reasons for its own difficulties. Accounts remain active with Wal-Mart and other large retailers, however, the company will also now work with smaller retailers to further promote their line of archery equipment and supplies.

North American is seeking the Court's approval of \$12 million in "debtor-in-possession" financing

from LaSalle National Bank to be used to continue operating during the bankruptcy process.

Through its public relations agency, North American has issued a statement that all 120 jobs at the company are safe.

A final hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at 9 a.m. in U.S. District Bankruptcy Court in Gainesville. A meeting of creditors will be held at 1:30 p.m. that day in the same courthouse.

Creditors do not have to be present, but Proof of Claim forms for monies owed are required to be filed, though no deadline has been announced by the Bankruptcy Court Clerk.

Project Graduation invites all to pancake dinner

The graduation ceremony is over, so now what is a high school senior to do? If the members of the Project Graduation planning committee have anything to do with it, there will be plenty to do.

In its ninth year, Project Graduation provides an all-night celebration for the graduating seniors of Grayling High School. This tobacco, drugs, and alcohol-free party provides the graduates with a night of games, food, music and entertainment with plenty of prizes and gifts as a bonus. The lock-in party begins at 10 p.m. at an undisclosed location, following graduation, and continues until 6 a.m. the following morning. The celebration is chaperoned throughout the night by volunteer parents.

Almost from the point of wrapping up one year's party, the committee begins getting ready for the next. This includes developing a theme, fundraising ideas and activities, and determining the agenda of the party itself.

One of the event's biggest fundraising efforts of the year will be taking place Monday, April 22. For the ninth year, Lone Pine Restaurant, on the I-75 Business

Loop in Grayling, will once again host its annual Pancake Supper to benefit Project Graduation. Once again, Marilyn Stamply will provide the use of her restaurant, food, and preparation. Current high school seniors will be serving the dinner consisting of plate sized pancakes, sausage and a beverage, all for a \$4 contribution (children age five and under dine free of charge.)

In addition to Pancake Supper, Project Graduation's other fundraising efforts include the annual rummage sale held each February, and sales of cookie dough and pizza kits. Money raised by these activities go toward providing food, games and activities during the party.

Various businesses and organizations throughout the community will be approached for contributions of merchandise or gift certificates to be given away to the graduating seniors at the party. For those who would like to make a monetary donation, send check to: Project Graduation, 208 N. Park Drive, Grayling, MI 49738.

For nine years, Project Graduation has cut down on graduation night tragedies attributed to drinking and driving. That reason alone brings home the importance of this party. But to the graduating seniors, the importance is in the memories of their last night together as a class of Grayling High School.

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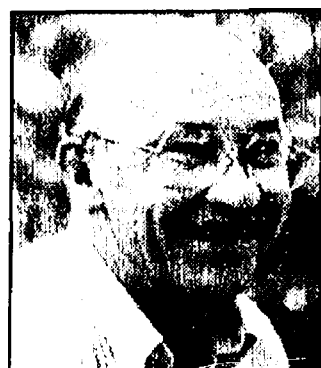
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Congressional districts still up in the air

THE GAME IS NOT yet over in the fracas about how Michigan congressional districts will line up in this year's election.

Mandated by the U.S. Constitution, congressional seats are subject to change every 10 years to reflect population changes discovered in the decennial census.

In Michigan, the legislature has the districting job -- subject to approval of the governor and challenge in the courts.

Because Republicans control both houses of the legislature and the governor's office, the plan for 2002 adopted earlier this year favors Republicans. Surprise, surprise.

Past voting patterns indicate the new GOP districts would switch the partisan balance from the present 9-7 Democrat to 9-6 Republican. Because Michigan didn't grow as fast as some other states in the past 10 years, we lose one seat in Congress.

Democrats, of course, offered their own plan in the legislature, which majority Republicans, of course, ignored.

SO DEMOCRATS TOOK the matter to the courts. They argued the GOP plan divided too many counties (10 in the Republican plan, only five in the Democrat plan), and cut more county, city and local government lines than the Democrat plan.

In March, the Michigan Supreme Court voted 6-1 to uphold the Republican proposal.

Still unsatisfied, Democrats went into U.S. district court, where they found a more sympathetic ear.

Judge David Lawson set up a trial for May when a three judge federal panel will weigh Democratic arguments that the Republican plan should be thrown out.

The judge also moved the scheduled May 14 deadline for filing congressional candidate petitions back to June 11.

One argument Democrats reportedly will offer is that the Republican plan is unfair to Democrats because it tends to pack

Democratic voters into as few districts as possible.

Thus even if Democrats win more votes for congressional seats statewide, they still end up with a minority of the delegation.

However, it was ever thus. No matter which party controls the districting process, it is inclined to do the same thing -- to create an advantage for themselves.

Democrats are correct in their premise, but does that make it illegal or even unconstitutional?

ALL THREE JUDGES on the federal panel were appointed by Democratic presidents -- two by President Carter, Judge Lawson by President Clinton.

In the Michigan Supreme Court ruling last month upholding the Republican plan, five of the six justices in the majority had Republican origins; one "yes" vote and the lone dissenter were Democratic nominees. Political origins, of course, are not sup-

posed to have any effect on what a court will do. That may be so or it may not.

History shows that whenever and wherever courts become involved in political matters, there's no way to predict the outcome and no matter is more political than apportionment.

WHAT HAPPENS if no final decision comes in time for an orderly election? Who knows? But it has happened before.

After the 1960 census, Michigan's 10-year growth gave the state one more congressional seat. The legislature could not decide new districting in time for an orderly election in 1962.

One option was statewide election of all 19 members. Instead the previous 18 districts were maintained and the 19th Congress member was elected statewide.

Democrat Neil Staebler of Ann Arbor, who had earned fame as a very successful state party chairman, defeated former U.S. Rep. Alvin Bentley of Owosso, who had left

Congress two years earlier to run unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate.

By the 1964 election, the apportionment had been resolved, after much partisan hassling and under court duress. Mr. Staebler ran for governor against Gov. George Romney and lost. Democrats carried the state for President Johnson -- and picked up several congressional seats, including the new 19th district.

In later years, true to tradition, the legislature and the parties could not agree, so 1970 and 1980 congressional reapportionments both were decided by federal court.

Will the federal court draw districts once more in 2002?

When it involves courts and politics, it's anybody's guess.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D) Michigan

Meeting Our Energy Challenges

Our nation needs a balanced and comprehensive energy policy that provides consumers with affordable and reliable energy, invests in energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, increases domestic energy supplies in a responsible manner and protects our national security by reducing our dependence on foreign fuel sources. Our energy policy must also improve automobile fuel economy and protect the environment without harming our manufacturing industry.

In Michigan, we know how difficult cold winters can be, especially for middle and low-income people who do not have the resources to handle high heating bills. We need to make sure that no one is forced to choose between groceries and heat. This is one of the reasons I have supported the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Weatherization Program since coming to the Senate. I have joined other Senators in requesting adequate funding for LIHEAP for next year and advanced funding for 2004. I also support increasing the funding for the Weatherization Program to make more homes energy efficient which in turn will reduce energy consumption and lower fuel bills.

Today, renewable energy represents less than three percent of Michigan's electricity generation. However, Michigan has strong opportunities to develop wind and solar power, which would provide significant environmental benefits. Midwestern farmlands are idea for growing high-yield "energy crops," including soybeans grown in Michigan, to help power our economy. Corn grown in the Midwest can be used to produce

ethanol, cleaner burning fuel for vehicles. While there are barriers that must be overcome to bring these alternative sources of power on line, we should support renewable energy programs by offering incentives to those who use them.

Responsible domestic energy production can be achieved. During the Clinton Administration, domestic production of oil and natural gas on federal lands actually increased from 13 percent of domestic output in 1992 to 25 percent in 1999. We need to maintain domestic energy production in a balanced manner that maximizes resource potential while recognizing crucial national environmental priorities.

Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would do neither, which is why I oppose it. Drilling in ANWR would provide a total of less than a year's worth of our oil supply. For that temporary and limited benefit, Americans should not be asked to develop the last pristine sector of Alaska's North Coast.

A balanced energy strategy includes support for technologies that will increase auto fuel efficiency and as a result decrease our dependence on foreign oil. Such an approach will also protect the environment without harming our auto industry. I crafted an approach with my Republican colleague, Senator Kit Bond of Missouri, that did just that.

Currently, a new generation of automotive technology is under development that offers great promise in our quest to achieve greater fuel efficiency. Technologies such as hybrid vehicles, which use an internal combustion engine in combination with a battery and

electric motor, and fuel cells, which are devices using hydrogen and oxygen to create electricity and heat, should help to dramatically improve fuel economy and protect our environment.

The Levin-Bond proposal uses tax credits to provide powerful incentives for the development of advanced technology vehicles such as hybrids, electric vehicles and fuel cell vehicles. Our approach applies the purchasing power of the government to speed up the commercial production of such new technologies and provides stepped-up government investment in the research and development we need to move to a fuel cell-powered car and a hydrogen economy. These steps will help nurture important advances in automotive technology that will initially reduce our use of fossil fuels for our transportation needs and perhaps eventually vitally eliminate it altogether.

Under Levin-Bond, which has passed the Senate, the Department of Transportation would be required to issue regulations to increase fuel economy standards within 15 months. The Levin-Bond approach would ensure that the appropriate increase in standards is determined based on consideration of 13 criteria including cost and safety and the discriminatory treatment of domestic manufacturers under the current regulatory structure.

All of these strategies - conservation, renewable energy, responsible domestic production, research and development on new technologies, and tax incentives for purchasing new generation vehicles - work together to create a common sense energy policy that will benefit Americans today and for generations to come.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

Correction

The Viewpoint - "Campaign Finance Reform: Restoring public confidence" appearing on Page 4A of the April 11 edition of the Avalanche was not written by U.S. Representative Dave Camp (R-MI) as stated. The author of this opinion piece was U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-MI). We apologize for the error and regret any confusion it may have caused.

EDITOR

Questions, fears are the real tragedy

To the editor,

It was exactly six months to the day since September 11, 2001 when our Grayling Middle School was closed due to a bomb threat on March 11. The district took immediate action to close the school; but neglected to inform parents as to why they closed only the middle school.

As a parent of four children, all of whom attend the schools within the district, I was very concerned. I called the administrative building and asked them why the middle school was closed. The response was that it was a safety issue.

That response was not very informative. A safety issue can be any number of things. The following day, I refused to send any of my children to school because I was still unaware of what had happened, and I feared what could happen.

As concerned parents and voting taxpayers, we should have been informed. Especially if our children's safety was in jeopardy.

Now that Mrs. Olson confessed to calling in the bomb threat, this poses even more frustration and unanswered questions. Questions made by my children for which I have no answers. Some of the questions included: "Why would a teacher want to blow up the school?" and "Aren't we supposed to trust teachers?" and "Teachers are role models, why would someone we look up to want to teach us that violence is okay?" and "Why would a teacher want to kill children?" and the scariest question of all, "Is she coming back to teach?"

I certainly hope not! I think she has taught our children enough to

last a lifetime.

Teachers are trusted role models to our children. We as parents also put our trust in the teachers. I have done my best to answer my children's questions. To tell them that this teacher is sick and is in desperate need of help. That teachers are still to be trusted and looked up to. That one bad apple doesn't spoil the whole bushel.

The sad truth is, more than likely, Mrs. Olson will be back and teaching again, with no regard as to the trouble she caused for the district. Why not? She's already getting "special" pay. For what? For causing total chaos or for teaching our children to doubt and mistrust other teachers, or the total overall experience that the children have endured due to her "valuable lesson."

What does this "special pay" mean? A job well done? Many people in this district would have to disagree. There should be no "special pay." That money should be used for "Hazard pay" for the staff and students who attend and teach in the schools.

If in fact this teacher is disturbed, it does not excuse her behavior. Those kids who shot up the school in Columbine were also disturbed; that did not excuse their actions.

In this case, although only a threat and no one was injured; (at least physically), the emotional trauma this episode has had on everyone involved is just the beginning. The constant questions and fears expressed by our children are, in themselves, the real tragedy.

Sharon Zarnick
Grayling

Postal Service dispels e-mail surcharge hoax

To the editor,

If you hear a rumor that the Postal Service is trying to put a 5-cent surcharge on e-mail -- it is not true! The rumor has been circulating for nearly two years despite all our efforts to dispel it.

The rumor, which is being circulated via the Internet, is completely false. As a matter of fact, the Postal Service has learned that a similar hoax occurred recently in Canada concerning Canada Post.

The e-mail message claims that a "Congressman Schnell" has introduced "Bill 602P" to allow the federal government to impose a 5-cent surcharge on each e-mail message delivered over the Internet. The money would be collected by Internet Service Providers and then turned over to the Postal Service.

No such proposed legislation exists.

In fact, no "Congressman Schnell" exists, and the supposed bill number is not in the format congress uses, anyway.

The U.S. Postal Service has no authority to surcharge e-mail messages sent over the Internet, now would it support such legislation.

It is a hoax. It is an urban legend. It is simply not true. So, the next time you hear about this urban legend, or the next time one of your e-mail buddies sends you a message about this hoax, just delete it or respond, "Schnell No!"

Jackie Cass
Officer in Charge, USPS
Grayling

They're back

To the editor,

Spring is here. Everyone who has chosen to move into the Black Bear's backyard, they're back!

If you have any bird feeders that you don't want to lose, take them in. If you see a bear, don't call the DNR, call your kids, grandchildren or friends. They will be thrilled to see them.

This is also the time of year for baby turkeys, partridge and rabbits. They don't have a chance against a dog or cat, so please keep your pets at home.

Bill Nicholas
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Grounds belong to Fair group

To the editor,

We have a myth that needs to be cleared up. It had been said that the Little League, Booster Club and The Red Skins own the grounds at the county fairgrounds. This is not

so. They lease the grounds from the Crawford County Fair Association. Ron Case, President Crawford County Fair Association Grayling

BRIEFS

Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of April 11 were Dennis Henning, Jerry Welch, Steve Miller, Pete Mead and Mike McEvers.

Republicans plan Lincoln Day Dinner

The Crawford County Republican Party will hold its annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday, May 4 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Keynote speaker will be Dr. John "Joe" Schwarz, M.D., Michigan Senator and candidate for Governor. Social hour begins at 5 p.m.; dinner will be served at 6 p.m.; program begins at 7 p.m. For tickets, call 348-4353, 344-0505, or 348-7253. Donation is \$15 per person and the deadline for tickets is April 25.

Policing activities to be discussed

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, Grayling Township Officer Thomas Coors, and Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright will be at the Grayling Township Hall on Thursday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, to help answer any questions citizens may have regarding the township and county policing activities.

Rotary Pot of Gold winners announced

The Grayling Rotary Club Pot of Gold raffle winners for April are: Rich Jaskowski - \$100; Deniese Porter - \$50; and Carson Burmeister - \$25.

COA invites all to Lasagna Dinner

The Commission on Aging Senior Center, located on Lawndale in Grayling, will be offering a special Lasagna Dinner on Saturday, April 20, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with Director Nova Anderson as the chef. Cost of the dinner is \$3.50 for seniors and \$4 for "juniors." For more information, call the Senior Center at 348-7123. Proceeds from the dinner will help pay the costs of senior citizens' activities and services in Crawford County.

Past Matrons of local OES plan meeting

The Past Matrons of Grayling Chapter #83 Order of the Eastern Star will hold a meeting at the Grayling Masonic Center (located next to the Rialto Theatre) on Wednesday, April 25 at 2 p.m. Marge Sneath will serve as hostess. Anyone who is a Past Matron from another OES chapter is also invited to attend.

'Woman to Woman Conference planned

Soul's Harbor Worship Center in Roscommon will host the "Woman to Woman Conference" on Saturday, April 20, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., featuring praise, worship and testimonies. A Word of Hope will also be shared by Judy Carlson. All women are encouraged and invited to attend. Soul's Harbor Worship Center is located at 250 Lake Street in Roscommon, across from the post office. For more information, call (989) 275-8546.

Women's Health Fair offered April 25

Mercy Family Care, Prudenville, will offer a Women's Health Fair on Thursday, April 25, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with a presentation by Barbara Gielinski, FNP, entitled, "Heart to Heart for Women" focusing on reducing the risk of heart disease. Free cholesterol screens, aromatherapy, massage, healing touch and healthy dining will also be discussed. For more information, call (989) 366-2900.

Local chiropractor featured on PBS

Dr. Craig Denholm, of Denholm Family Chiropractic, P.C. in Grayling, will answer questions for viewers as the guest expert on "Ask the Chiropractor," a television program broadcast by CMU-TV, the local Public Broadcasting Station. The show is due to air Thursday, April 25 at 8 p.m.

Head Start programs plan Open Houses

The Frederic and Grayling NEMCSA Head Start programs will hold Open Houses on Thursday, April 18 at each location. Frederic Head Start, held in the Frederic Elementary School, will welcome guests from 9 a.m. to 12 noon that day and Grayling Head Start, located at 557 I-75 Business Loop (Old US-27) just north of Grayling, will open its doors to visitors from 12 noon to 3 p.m. The Open Houses are open to the public and offers an opportunity to observe a typical Head Start day.

Swiss Steak Dinner to benefit choir

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will host a Swiss Steak Dinner on Thursday, April 18, from 5 p.m. until the food is gone, to raise funds to cover the expenses of the Michelson Singers' upcoming trip to North Carolina for international competition. Tickets for the dinner are: Adults - \$6, kids (six-12 years) \$3, five and under eat free. Take-outs will be available.

Tanzania Safari next stop in travel series

Take a "Tanzania Safari" this Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. as the Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Travel & Adventure Series presents a travelogue to this African nation. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.; tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5.50 for seniors and students. For more information, call 344-3539.

Sign up for Hospice volunteer training

Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice will hold Hospice Volunteer trainings, May 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Grayling Amicare office (125 Michigan Avenue). Topics to be covered include: communications and coping skills, family dynamics and body mechanics. Volunteer activities include: respite, companionship and support, transportation, clerical and office assistance. For more information or to sign up for training, call Volunteer Coordinator Sherry Haag at 1-800-424-1457 or (989) 348-4383.

NHS plans dinner to benefit Hospice

The Grayling High School National Honor Society will be preparing and serving a Spaghetti Dinner next week to benefit Mercy Amicare Hospice and Hospice of Michigan services.

Both Hospice organizations provide services to individuals who have life threatening illnesses and their families.

The dinner will be held Wednesday, April 24, from 5 p.m. to

8 p.m., at the AuSable Primary School located at 306 Plum Street in Grayling. Dinner includes salad, roll, spaghetti and dessert. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

Tickets are available from members of the GHS National Honor Society, through the Mercy Amicare and Hospice office and its employees, as well as at the door that evening. For more information, call Sherry Haag at 348-4383.

Home Safety Firearms, CCW classes offered

Kirtland Community College is accepting registration for handgun safety classes that fulfill the training requirements of Michigan's concealed weapons (CCW) law.

Kirtland's Home Safety Firearms course has been certified by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards in compliance with Public Act 381 of 2000. The non-credit course is designed to accommodate a wide range of experience. In addition to classroom lecture and range practice, participants will receive training on a computerized firearms simulator.

While the law requires only eight hours of training, Kirtland's program offers additional material and hands-on practice for a total of 16 hours.

Participants must attend the full program and pass written and practical exams to earn a certificate.

The classroom segment must be completed first. Participants may attend this segment on Saturday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or Thursday and Friday, May 9-10, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Range dates are May 11 and May 25, both 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost is \$175 per person and includes all training materials. Ammunition is included for 9mm, .38, .40 and .45-caliber weapons; participants using other types of weapons will need to bring ammunition. A 15 percent discount is available to senior citizens. Participants should provide their own guns; however, college-owned weapons will be available if needed.

Pre-registration is required. To sign up, contact Kirtland's Criminal Justice Office at 989-275-5000, ext. 283, or by e-mail (gibbsc@kirtland.edu).

Several Graylingites to be locked up for MDA

The North-Central Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association is holding a Lock-Up fundraising event on Tuesday, April 23, at the Holiday Inn in Grayling. Business people from the Grayling area are being targeted as "jailbirds" for this event, which will run from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The "jailbirds" will use "cell" phones to call business associates, friends, and family members in order to raise their "bail" for MDA.

All residents and businesses are

encouraged to participate. MDA Lock-Ups offers food, fun, and unique networking opportunities. All money raised from this event will aid in the comprehensive care, research, clinic, and summer camp programs for patients affected by neuromuscular diseases in North-Central Michigan.

Volunteers are needed to greet and register jailbirds as they arrive.

To volunteer, call Mark Morden at (989) 771-9612 as soon as possible.

Interpret your dreams

Dreams ... have you ever wondered what your dreams mean? May 2, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, there will be an opportunity to discover what they mean.

Lori Jean Hunt, the author of two books and 17 years of experience working with dream interpretations, will present a program for the Mercy Amicare Homecare &

Hospice volunteers.

Learn to interpret your dreams to gain awareness and guidance in your life, improve relationships, let go of anger and resentment, conquer fears and more.

The meeting is open to the public but is limited to 50 persons. Call the Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice office to register or for more information at 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457.

Dukes of Dixieland to perform

The Dukes of Dixieland will be keeping the tradition and breaking new ground in their concert at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, April 20 at 8 p.m.

For over 50 years, the Dukes of Dixieland have worn their New Orleans jazz heritage proudly. The oldest continuing jazz band in America's jazz city has a string of "firsts" behind them, and a sound that's still fresh - fresh enough to win a Grammy nomination for their newest album, *Glory Land*.

Today's Dukes has a distinctive blend of traditional Dixieland, New Orleans jazz, and Rhythm 'n' Blues, all mixed in with innovative jazz stylings and arrangements. The Dukes preserve such Dixieland favorites as *Bourbon Street Parade*, *South Rampart Street Parade*, blend them with cool mellow blues like *Basin Street Blues*, toss in some

hand clapping and toe tapping rag-time numbers including Scott Joplin's *The Entertainer* and *Maple Street Rag*, and top it off with a true New Orleans sound like *When the Saints Go Marchin' In*.

The Dukes have stirred audiences throughout the world. They have shared the stage on tour with Mel Torme, Red Skelton, George Gobel, Ella Fitzgerald, Al Hirt, and Woody Herman. They continue on the leading edge by recording the first digital Dixieland CD, and most recently the first Dixieland video disc.

The six-member group will perform at the Kirtland Center on campus, Saturday, April 20 at 8 p.m. For ticket reservations call the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777. Don't miss The Dukes of Dixieland on the campus at Kirtland Community College.

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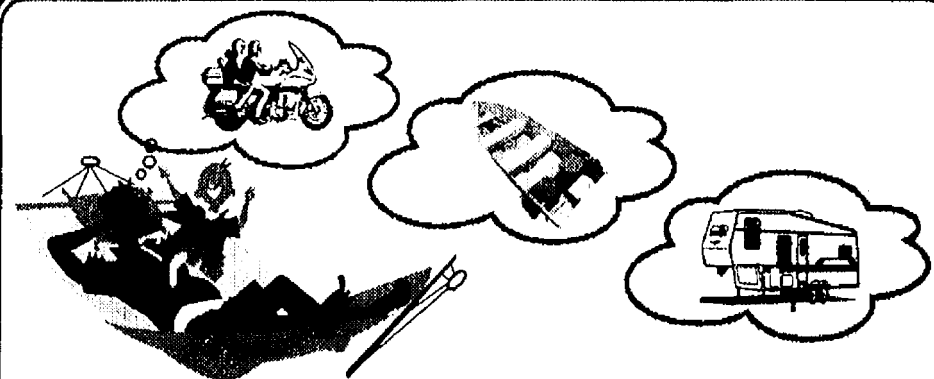
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AuSable Primary April 23rd

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The Bible Speaks

Middle East

Barbara Richmond's "Special Jerusalem Report" considered 20 statements which may shed some light on the historical struggle in the Middle East considered. We have reproduced part of them below:

"1. Nationhood and Jerusalem. Israel became a nation in 1312 B.C., 2,000 years before the rise of Islam. 2. Arab refugees in Israel began identifying themselves as part of a Palestinian people in 1967, two decades after the establishment of the modern State of Israel. 3. Since the Jewish conquest in 1272 B.C., the Jews have had dominion over the land for 1,000 years with a continuous presence in the land for the past 3,300 years. 4. The only Arab dominion since the Muslim conquest in 635 A.D. lasted no more than 22 years. 5. For over 3,300 years, Jerusalem has been the Jewish capital. Jerusalem has never been the capital of any Arab or Muslim entity. Even when the Jordanians occupied Jerusalem, they never sought to make it their capital, and Arab leaders did not come to visit. 6. Jerusalem is mentioned over 700 times in Tanach, the Jewish Holy Scriptures. Jerusalem is not mentioned once in the Qur'an (Koran). 7. King David founded the city of Jerusalem. Mohammed never came to Jerusalem. 8. Jews pray facing Jerusalem. Muslims pray with their backs toward Jerusalem."

"9. Arab and Jewish Refugees: In 1948 the Arab refugees were encour-

aged to leave Israel by Arab leaders promising to purge the land of Jews. Sixty-eight percent left without ever seeing an Israeli soldier. 10. The Jewish refugees were forced to flee from Arab lands due to Arab brutality, persecution and pogroms. 11. The number of Arab refugees who left Israel in 1948 is estimated to be around 630,000. The number of Jewish refugees from Arab lands is estimated to be about the same. 12. Arab refugees were INTENTIONALLY not absorbed or integrated into the Arab lands to which they fled, despite the vast Arab territory. Out of the 100,000,000 refugees since World War II, the Arabs are the only refugee group in the world that has never been absorbed or integrated into their own peoples' lands. Jewish refugees were completely absorbed into Israel, a country no larger than the state of New Jersey. 13. The Arab - Israeli Conflict: The Arabs are represented by eight separate nations, not including the Palestinians. There is only one Jewish nation. The Arab nations initiated all five wars and lost. Israel defended herself each time and won. 14. The PLO's Charter still calls for the destruction of the State of Israel."

"16. The United Nations (U.N.) Record on Israel and the Arabs: Of the 175 Security Council resolutions passed before 1990, 97 were directed against Israel. 17. Of the 690 U.N. General Assembly resolutions voted

on before 1990, 429 were directed against Israel. 18. The U.N. was silent while 58 Jerusalem Synagogues were destroyed by the Jordanians. 19. The U.N. was silent while the Jordanians systematically desecrated the ancient Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives. 20. The U.N. was silent while the Jordanians enforced an apartheid-like policy of preventing Jews from visiting their holy sites at the Temple Mount and the Western Wall." "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." (Psa 122:6) Pastor "B"

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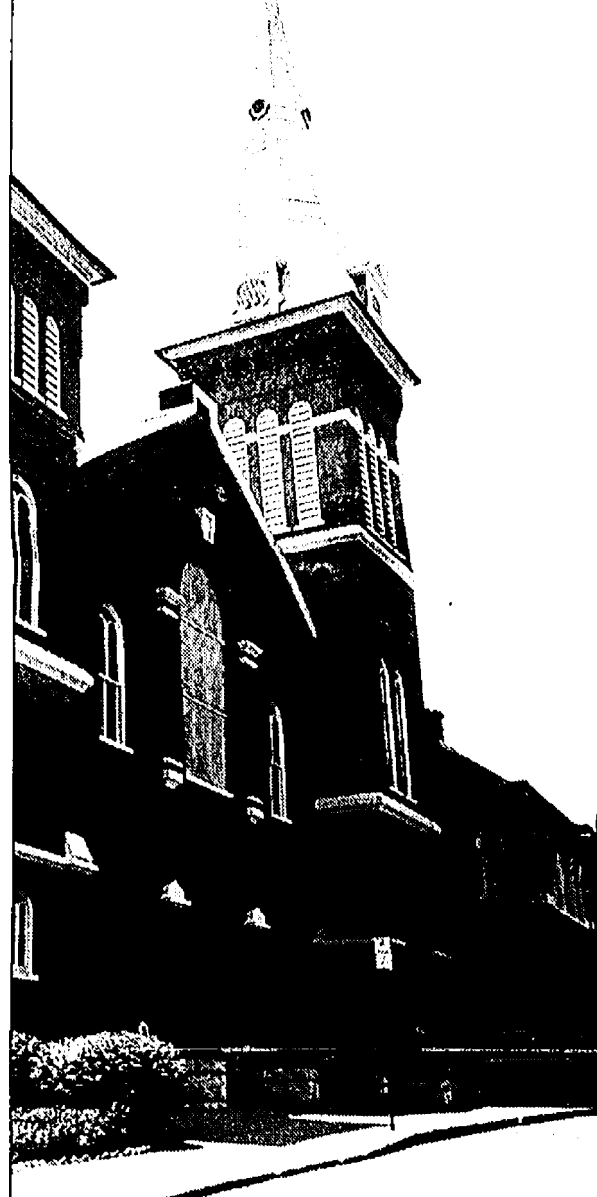
Where Does God Live?

Where do you think God lives? Joshua 1:9 says, "the Lord thy God is with thee wherever thou goest." Since God is the Holy Spirit, He can be anywhere and everywhere, not confined by flesh and bone.

Acts 17:24 sheds more light on the dwelling place of God. "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands." Then, where does God live? 2 Corinthians 6:16 tells us, "Ye are the temple of the living God."

So, we have the answer straight from God's word. God dwells in each of us... where there is love, for 1 John 4:8 states it simply... "God is love."

Visit God's house this Sabbath where you may share God's love with others. "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20) So what is the primary way for God to be in our places of worship? We must go there together.



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 Church 348-8885
 Parsonage 348-2588
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:30 am
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Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
 1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
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 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Morning Worship 11 am
 Evening Worship 6 pm
 Wednesday 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Spruce Knockel
 710 Spruce Street
 348-5224
 Sunday School 9:15 am
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
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Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Stephan
 North Down River Rd. at
 1030 Glenn Rd. • P.O. Box 1188
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 Preaching 11 am
 Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
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 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Morning Worship 11 am
 Evening Service 6 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

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Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
 700-708 Peninsular • 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
 Sunday Vigil Mass 6 pm
 Sunday Masses 8:00 am
 Family Mass 10:00 am
 Scripture Study
 (Sundays)..... 9:15 am
 Daily Masses
 Wednesday & Fridays 8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Morning Worship 11 am
 Evening Worship 6 pm
 Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

St. Francis Episcopal
 M-72 West
 Office 348-5850
 Sunday Holy
 Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Church
Pastor Jimmie McWatters
 Grayling Days Inn Conference Room
 Sunday Service 10:30 am
 Phone: 231-536-7933, Fax: 231-536-3046
 Wednesday 7 pm
 (call or e-mail for directions)
 Website: www.rlcnow.com
 E-mail: pastorjim@rlcnow.com

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
 M-72 West
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Morning Worship 10:30 am
 Evening Worship 6 pm
 Mid-Week Services
 Wednesday 7 pm
 Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Gordon French, Pastor
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 TV 29 & 8 9 am
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 Sunday Worship 11 am
 Sunday Evening 6 pm
 Wednesday
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Abundant Life Tabernacle
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 Sunday
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 Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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Pastor Terry Colby
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 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Morning Worship 11 am
 Evening Service 6 pm
 Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
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 Sunday Service 10 am

Luzerne Baptist
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 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

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Kirtland treats youngsters to 'Charlotte's Web'



Neither rain nor snow kept the bus loads from arriving for a Kirtland Youth Theatre event recently, when nearly 2,500 youngsters from the region, including those from Crawford AuSable Schools, attended performances of "Charlotte's Web." Kirtland Youth Theatre serves approximately 13,000 students from the surrounding area through its educational performances and workshop activities.

Photo courtesy of KCC

High school MEAP testing begins next week

The State of Michigan MEAP High School Tests will be administered at Grayling High School beginning Monday, April 22 and continuing through May 3.

MEAP tests are given to students in the junior class and cover areas of mathematics, reading, writing, science and social studies.

Students will have the opportunity to earn endorsements in the various subjects; per the Department of Education, "Students who score highly on the test have demonstrated achievement of valued and rigorous knowledge and skills." Students also have the opportunity to earn a Michigan Merit Award, scholarship worth \$2,500.

Grayling High School have been performing quite well on the state tests in the recent past. For the Class of 2001, 84% earned endorsements in writing, 90.5% in science, 93% in reading, 90% in math, and 68% in

social studies.

The Class of 2000 was the first graduating class to be eligible for the Michigan Merit Award. The Department of Treasury said, "about a third of Michigan test-takers from the class of 2000 are expected to receive the scholarship." (*Detroit Free Press*, April 4, 2000) Of 121 test-takers in Grayling High School's Class of 2001, 41% earned the Merit Award and should be congratulated for their achievement.

The 2002 MEAP testing schedule is as follows:

- April 22 - Reading test (80 minutes) 6th hour (12:45 p.m.) in classrooms.
- April 23 - Science test (90 minutes) 2nd hour (9:05 a.m.) in classrooms.
- April 24 - Social Studies test (80 minutes) 3rd hour (9:05) in classrooms.
- April 25 - Mathematics test (80

minutes) 2nd hour (9:05 a.m.) in classrooms.

- April 26 - Make-up day. Social Studies and Math only, 3rd and 5th hours (9:05 a.m.) in the Media Center.

- April 29 - No School.

- April 30 - Make-up day. Reading and Science, 2nd and 4th hours (9:05 a.m.) in the Media Center.

- May 1 - Writing test Part I (35 minutes) 1st hour (8:10 a.m.) in classrooms.

- May 2 - Writing test Part II (85 minutes) 2nd hour (9:05 a.m.) in classrooms.

- May 3 - Make-up day. Writing 3rd and 5th hours (9:05 a.m.) in the Media Center.

Seniors who wish to re-test, must sign up in the counseling office and will either be added to the classroom groups or will re-test on make-up days. Juniors and seniors who are not presently enrolled at GHS may

be tested after making arrangements through the counseling office secretary, Teresa Bonamic, at 344-3512.

HONORS

Ferris State University
Ferris State University announces its graduation list for December 2001. Benjamin R. Haskell of Grayling received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy.

University of Michigan
University of Michigan announces its graduation list for winter 2001. Kristopher Urie of Grayling received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering.

Lovells Historical Society receives \$7,500 grant to complete construction on new log museum

A grant of \$7,500 from Great Lakes Energy People Fund is enabling the Lovells Township Historical Society to complete the construction of their new log museum and begin phase two of the society's expansion program: Acquire meaningful artifacts and develop quality displays.

President Chuck Gillette expressed appreciation to Great Lakes Energy on behalf of the Historical Society and the Lovells community. He said, "The Great Lakes Energy customers, who make the People Fund possible, are helping our expansion program and I encourage other community minded organizations to utilize this unique source of funding. Their gift gives us a jump start on our important second phase."

While additional funding will be needed to complete all three phases of the expansion program, the society now needs and is seeking volunteers to help develop historical themes for display in the new log museum. A May 4 meeting at the new log museum is being planned for the roll out of the museum master plan to members of the community. A letter announcing the meeting will be sent to the township residents and anyone else interested in the unique history of the Lovells area is also invited to attend. Additional information is available by calling Glen Eberly at (989) 348-3084.

The log museum also provides a perfect opportunity for the Michigan Master Gardeners to perform civic service. Lovells area

Master Gardeners Anna Biernat and Shirley Longworth have offered to design, plant and maintain a pioneer period garden in front of the museum. President Gillette commented, "This garden will provide an historic landscape to beautify the new museum grounds. We are very pleased with this community contribution by the Michigan Master Gardeners." If you are interested in assisting with this project, call Anna Biernat at (989) 348-6259.

Master Gardeners are educated and trained by Michigan State University by their local county MSU Extension office. The goal of the Michigan Master Gardener Program is to educate individuals in gardening skills as well as to volunteer in their home communities for beautification and educational programs. For more information about Master Gardener Programs call Susie Marshall in the Otsego (Gaylord) office at (989) 731-0272 or Gaye Pizzi in the Crawford (Grayling) office at (989) 344-3264.

Crawford resident appointed to local foster care board

A Crawford County resident has been appointed to a citizen volunteer board created by the Michigan Legislature to review children's foster care placements, it was announced last week.

The new board member is Larry Moore, who participated in a two day orientation training conducted by the Foster Care Review Board Program in Lansing.

The Foster Care Review Board meets one day each month to review

a sample of cases of children placed in temporary foster care. The purpose of these reviews is to determine what efforts are being made by the Family Division of Circuit Court, the Michigan Family Independence Agency, or private child placing agency to develop and carry out a plan for permanent placement.

The program is administered by the State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Habitat welcomes two new directors

The Crawford County Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization which provides opportunities for homeownership to local families and individuals, recently welcomed two new members to its Board of Directors.

Grayling Elementary School fifth grade teacher and Grayling City Councilman, Jerry Hayes, and his wife, Maureen, took their places on the board this month.

The Crawford County Habitat for Humanity is always seeking people to join them in their crusade to build or rehabilitate affordable homes for those who would otherwise not have the chance to own them.

Those interested in becoming a board member, or who would like to volunteer, or make a donation, are

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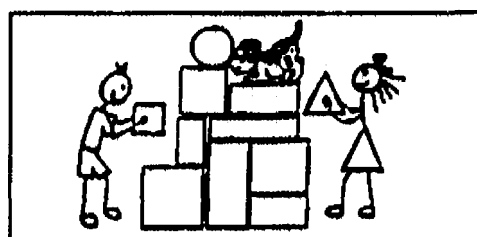
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Students attend school Monday through Thursday with Fridays being reserved for home visits. Home visits are parent teacher conferences in the home. The morning session is from 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. The afternoon session is from 12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Our program is located at the AuSable Primary School. The program is taught by Karyn Rauch-Smock and Gloria Moore. Students participate in gym, music and library. The curriculum is developmental in nature and based off of national standards. This curriculum follows the districts K-12 curriculum. The National Association for the Education of Young Children has granted the CASD 4 year old preschool program accreditation. This professional organization recognizes and supports excellence in early childhood education.

Parent involvement is key to our program. We offer several different options for parents to participate.



Keys To Our Program

- Partnership with parents
- Strong readiness curriculum with emphasis on language development and reading
- Hands on learning
- Socialization
- Educational field trips
- Student led conferences: parents and teachers working together toward each child's success

- Students get familiar with the school routine by participating in gym, music and library at AuSable Primary
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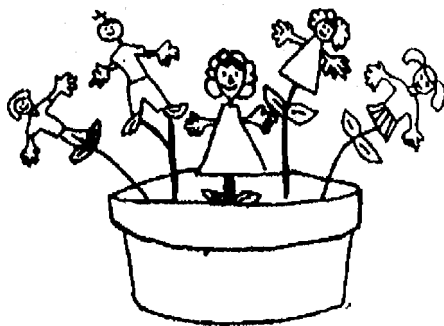
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Here at Grayling Cooperative Preschool we believe that our program provides a stimulating and creative atmosphere that allows children to function where they are at developmentally and at the same time stimulate them to the next stage of growth. Preschool provides an opportunity for a child to become familiar with a group setting, to develop self expression, creativity, a sense of responsibility and an interest and joy in learning.

Typical Daily Schedule

(AM class example)

8:30	Helping parent arrives.
8:45	Greeting and circle time (theme is presented and developed, art is introduced.)
9:10	Project and learning center activities
9:45	Story (3 year olds); show and tell and story (4 year olds).
10:05	Snack
10:25	Quiet time with books.
10:35*	Outdoor play and/or gross motor activities
11:00	Dismissal

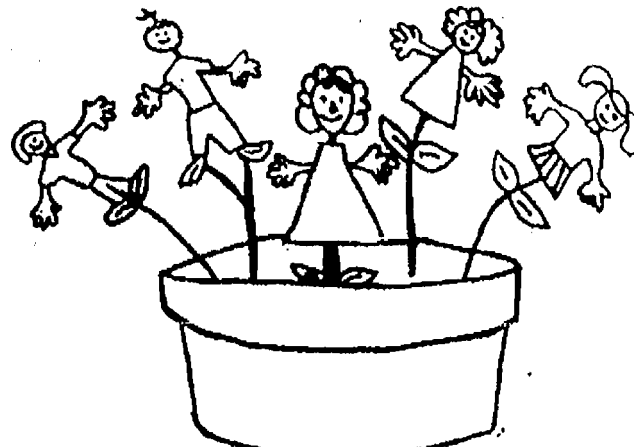
Parental Benefits

Preschool is a learning experience for parents as well as children. You will be able to observe children in the variety of their rates of developmental stages, and you will see many methods of child-guidance and problem solving. A preschool helps parents to understand and enjoy their child as they share this very important chapter in their child's life.



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The Devereaux Memorial Library in Grayling offers story times for young children. Every Wednesday at 1 pm Rae Ann reads to kids at the Devereaux Library and also leads them in songs, games, or crafts. The Teen Advisory Board has organized a one-on-one story time set for the 3rd Thursday of every month from 6 pm - 7 pm.

Contact Rae Ann Schanz,
Children's Programs or
Edward Elsner, Director
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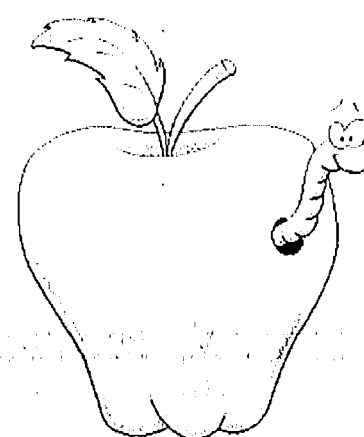
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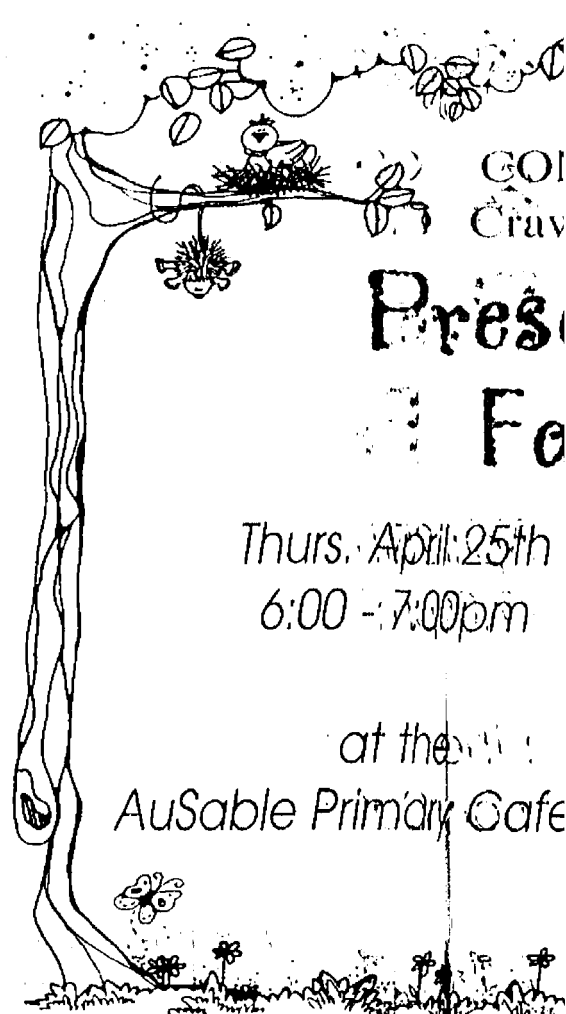
District Health Department

Crawford County
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Office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
call for appointment or for further information

Mission Statement
The mission of District Health Department is to protect the health of all individuals through education, promotion and protection of the environment.

Crawford County Health Department

- Maternal Support Services
- Infant Support Services
- W.I.C. (Women, Infants and Children)
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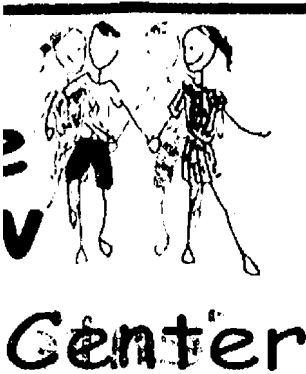
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We have taken information from both our physicians. These are questions that are commonly asked by patients.

Q. Even though I am allergic to pollen/mold is it OK if I sleep with my window open during spring/summer?

A. Pollination is highest in the pre-dawn and dusk hours, so it is best not to open windows during those times unless you are using a pollen guard.

Q. My child is allergic to various things. Recently when he tried out for the soccer team, I noticed he became short of breath after just 10 minutes of running. Is this because he is out of shape?

A. In an allergic child the possibility of exercise induced asthma should be considered. Shortness of breath will occur when a person has 85% of optimum heart rate for at least 6 minutes. Oftentimes, symptoms may be preventable by pre-treating before the exercise activity, using an inhaler recommended by your health care provider.

Q. I just learned that I am allergic to pollen. Will I still be able to work in my garden?

A. Garden at mid-day on cloudy days, without wind or after it rains when the pollen has been washed out of the air. Wear a mask to filter pollen and mold. For severe symptoms take an antihistamine before you start your gardening. Take a shower after you're done to wash the pollen and mold from your hair and skin. Remove and wash the clothing you wore outside.

Q. I have allergy and asthma. I am planning a summer vacation, but I am worried about leaving home. How should I prepare.

A. Pack all of your medicine even those you have not used in awhile. Also make sure you pack your emergency medications, such as inhalers or pills perhaps steroids for severe reactions. Make sure you have your insurance card. Perhaps your provider can help you prepare an asthma/allergy plan to fit your needs.

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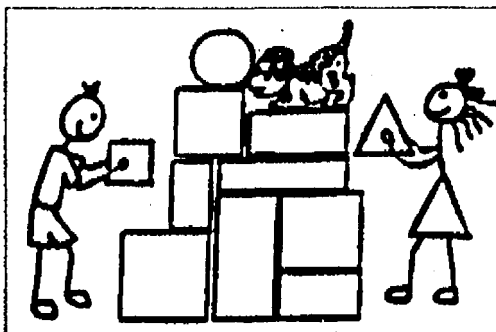


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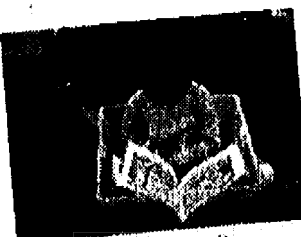
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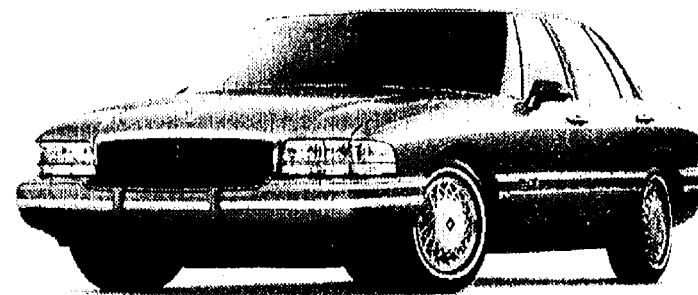


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April 17 - 20 from 1 p.m. until 11 p.m. and April 23 from 1 p.m. until 11 p.m.

For further information on Air to Ground operations call: (989) 939-8880 or (989) 354-6205.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road 197 (Twin Bridge Road), Military maneuvers and small arms firing:

April 20 and 21 from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek:

April 19 - 23 from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Range 13, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road and east of the gas pipeline:

April 20 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The Range 30 Complex located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. Military maneuvers and small arms firing:

April 20 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

In addition, the following roads will be closed April 19 and 20:

Bucks East-West Truck Trail to Wakeley Bridge Road.

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Stephan Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

The Portage Creek Road Bridge, located west of Howe Road, in South Camp is closed for construction.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 39 complaints during the week of April 7 through April 13:

Two misdemeanor arrests, two felony arrests, two larceny complaints, two malicious destruction of property complaints, one break-

ing and entering, one juvenile complaint;

One motorist assist, two alarms, one attempt to locate, one disorderly complaint, four traffic warnings, seven suspicious situations, six assist other departments, and seven unclassified complaints.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

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Wed. April 17 - Pork Cutlets/Veal Cutlets: Hearing Clinic, by appointment; Stag Cards at 12 noon and RSVP cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.; COA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Thu. April 18 - Liver & Onions/Turkey Birds: BP's taken at 11 a.m. to noon, Lucky 7 trip to the casino at 10 a.m.; Bible study at 11 a.m. and Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

Fri. April 19 - Roast Chicken/no dinner; Lovells Satellite at 12:30

p.m.; Pantry Bingo and 80 cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

Sat. April 20 - Special Lasagna Dinner from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Everyone welcome!

Mon. April 22 - Fish/Pepper Steak; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m. and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

Tue. April 23 - Meatloaf/Goulash; Euchre Club at 1 p.m. and it is open to the public! Movie at 5:30 p.m. "Crocodile Dundee" with Paul Hogan.

Wed. April 24 - Beef Medley/Chop Suey; Exercise and Line dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon and RSVP Cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.

Above all this week remember: Don't worry about your wrinkles. They only indicate where your smiles have been.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department handled the following 84 complaints the week of April 8-14:

Sixteen traffic accidents, three non-traffic accidents, three traffic violations (civil infractions), one traffic safety public appearance, four civil matter disputes - family trouble, six suspicious situations, eight general non-criminal, one trees, brush, grass fire, one hazardous situation

- spill, leak, power line down, two delinquent minors, one valid alarm, three false alarm activations;

One assault and battery/simple assault, two burglary/home invasion, two larceny, four damage to property, one damage to property - business, nine public peace/disorderly, three OUIL/UBAL, ten health and safety, one conservation, two driving violations/DWLS, etc.

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Grayling junior selected for Blue Lake tour

Six music and dance groups from Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp will tour eight European countries from the Mediterranean Sea to the North Sea this summer. A Grayling High School 11th grade student is among the 333 musicians and dancers selected to be part of the tour.

Gail Hilliker, daughter of Ronald and Marian Hilliker of Roscommon, will play bass clarinet in the 2002

Blue Lake International Symphonic Band, a 95-member symphony band directed by Penny Daab. She is a Band Director for Big Rapids Public Schools and serves on Blue Lake's conducting staff.

During June and July, the Blue Lake Arts Ambassadors will visit and present concerts in Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Switzerland and The

Netherlands. Each group will visit two or more countries while in Europe and will tour separately.

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, of Twin Lake, is one of America's largest summer arts schools and is observing its 36th anniversary this summer. Since it opened in 1966, nearly 75,000 children and youth have attended Blue Lake.

In addition to music and dance, Blue Lake offers programs in art and theater. It is located on a 1,200-acre campus in the Manistee National Forest, 12 miles north of Muskegon.

MILITARY NEWS



Raymond MacLeod

Raymond MacLeod, of Grayling, completed U.S. Army Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO on March 14. He has been assigned to B-1-48 BCT 2nd Platoon and is now in five to six weeks of training to become a military truck driver.



Gail Hilliker

Red Cross needs Camp Grayling volunteers

The American Red Cross will train volunteer caseworkers for Camp Grayling service on Friday, April 26, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Training will take place at St. Francis Episcopal Church, on M-72 West in Grayling.

Volunteers will be trained to take or send family emergency messages for armed forces personnel. Those who complete the course can be at-home volunteers or serve Camp Grayling by volunteering on base.

Those interested in becoming an Armed Forces Emergency Service caseworker need to call 1-800-691-6059 to register.

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GHS student places 7th in state competition

► Four students attend Business Professionals of America contest

The Grayling High School chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) travelled to state competition held March 21-24 at the Detroit Renaissance Center.

There are almost 5,000 members in the Michigan BPA and approximately 2,000 competitors at state level.

Four Grayling High School students attended this competition: Cody Myers, Stacey Kuhn, Janelle Gregorich, and Jesse Van Slyke.

Myers competed in Spreadsheet Applications and Analysis; Kuhn competed in Basic Office Systems and Procedures; Van Slyke and Gregorich competed in open events. Kuhn and Van Slyke also served as voting delegates.

The conference opened on

Thursday, March 21 and competitive events were held on Friday and Saturday. There were a total of 56 categories of competition. In addition, there was a series of workshops the students attended. After competition ended on Saturday, the students attended a formal dinner and dance.

Awards were presented at a ceremony held at the Renaissance Center on Sunday, March 24. Cody Myers accepted his award for 7th place in his event. "We were all excited to see his hard work pay off," said Business Service Technology teacher Terri Snyder.

Snyder said the group is looking forward to another productive year of BPA in the fall. "Hopefully our membership will increase and we'll have more successes to report in the near future," she said.

To learn more about the Grayling chapter of the BPA and what it offers students, call Snyder during regular hours at Grayling High School, 344-3500.

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This is National Infant Immunization Week

The week of April 14-20, has been declared National Infant Immunization Week. The week is dedicated to highlighting the importance of timely infant immunizations, promoting strategies for increasing the availability and accessibility of immunizations. The Michigan Department of Community Health encourages all citizens to join providers, parents, children's advocates, and public health officials in recognizing the many immunization efforts taking place in the state. These efforts are aimed at increasing immunization

levels for two-year-olds to at least 90 percent.

One out of every four American children is not fully immunized by age two. Each year, children who are not fully protected against these diseases become sick and some die. Immunization efforts are aimed against eleven serious childhood diseases: Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib), Hepatitis B, Chickenpox, Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pneumococcal Conjugate.

Disease prevention is the key to public health and it is always better

to prevent a disease than to treat it. Vaccines prevent disease in the people who receive them and protect those who come into contact with unvaccinated people. Immunized children do not spread disease to other people in the community including elderly, newborns and those with weakened immune systems. All babies need to visit a health care provider or public health clinic for vaccinations five times by the age of two.

Parents and caregivers are constantly concerned about the health and safety of their children and take many steps to protect them. These steps include child-proof door latches to infant/child safety seats. In the

same way, vaccines work to protect infants, children and adults from illness and death caused by infectious diseases. Children who are immunized not only provide individual protection to themselves but also contribute to the overall protection of the community. As a result, immunization is a primary function in ensuring good public health.

National Infant Immunization Week is a good opportunity for parents and caregivers of infants and children to discuss their child or children's immunization record with their health care provider or contact their local health department for the dates of the next public health immunization clinic.

For third time, business teacher recognized in *Who's Who*

Grayling High School teacher, Terri Snyder, was recently added to the newest edition of *Who's Who of America's Teachers*. This is Snyder's third year in the publication.

In the past, Snyder also received recognition in *Who's Who of America's College Students*, The National Dean's List, received the

Roy Newton Award for Outstanding Achievement in English, literary awards, Outstanding Teacher Award at Lewis College of Business, Board of Education Special Award for NCA, Certificates of Achievement through C.O.O.R., and numerous other achievement awards.

In addition, Snyder has been published in various anthologies for her essays and poetry. Her latest poem is being published in a book to be released this summer called *Letters from the Soul*.

Snyder holds a Master's degree in Career and Technical Education from Ferris State University and a Bachelor's degree in Business Education. She has secondary and vocational certification, and has been teaching in Grayling for seven years in the Business Service Technology Department. Snyder also teaches evening classes for Grayling Community Education.

Prior to relocating to Grayling, Snyder taught community college level classes in Detroit. She resides in Grayling with daughter, Megan Bazzett. She has three other daughters: Tara Knapp of Reed City, Angela Sayers (deceased) and Krystan Bazzett (deceased).

Card of Thanks

The Grayling Middle School Physical Education staff and students would like to thank Legion Lanes for generously donating its time and facilities. The students were able to enjoy the lifetime sport of bowling for eight weeks free of charge. The math curriculum was also implemented into this program as students were responsible for learning how to keep their own scores without the aid of a computer. Special thanks to Brian Palmer, who made this all possible, Dale, the technician who kept everything running, and Dan who provided equipment, moral support and his bowling expertise. Thanks for another successful season.

GMS Physical Education Department

GMS student named USAA winner

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) announced recently that Trisha Kinsey, of Grayling, has been named a United States National Award Winner in Physical Education.

This award is an honor. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Kinsey, who attends Grayling Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Butch Stockton and Cindy Jones, coaches at the school.

Her photo and name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of USAA. "Certainly,

United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Kinsey is the daughter of John and Mona Petersen, of Grayling. Her grandparents are Keith and Alice Moore of Grayling, and Doug and Caroline Miller of Hillman.

KCC offers summer welding course

Kirtland Community College (KCC) is offering a full menu of welding courses through its FLEX program. Classes meet in KCC's welding lab on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., beginning June 5. Additional times may be added. Register until April 22, by visiting the college or website: www.kirtland.edu/campusweb/information.htm. Registration continues June 3-5, on campus and online. For more, phone (989) 275-5000, Ext. 284, or e-mail rinkeb@kirtland.edu.

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Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by the Grayling Middle School Parent Improvement Team

• **Phoenix Program** - They will be going on two field trips Thursday, April 18 to the Crawford County Library and Friday, April 19 to Kirtland Community College.

• **Band Boosters** will meet on Monday, April 22 at 7 p.m. at the Middle School.

• **School Closed** - Monday, April 29 for staff professional development.

• **April 30 and May 6** - GMS Media Center will hold two for one book sale. Students, staff and parents can purchase one book (the most expensive) and get a second book of lesser cost free. It's a great time to stock up on

gifts and summer reading material. There are several wonderful new titles that will whet the appetite for reading. Hours for the fair are 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 through Monday, May 6.

• **Funfest** - Friday, May 10 at Hanson Hills from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Come on and join in on the fun. We will have food, games, dunk tank, music, hikes and the skate park. We need volunteers to help supervise these areas, watch for the sign-up sheet.

• **Attention all gardeners** - We will be working on a new garden area in front of the office. If you would like to help out, call Shirley Currison at 348-1348.

• **Spring Pictures** - If you have decided to keep your child's pic-

tures, the money needs to turned in. Also, if you have decided not to keep the pictures, they need to be returned to the homeroom teacher.

• **Mrs. Jagers and Mrs. Hinkle** have been chosen to make a presentation, at this year's National Middle School Association Conference, which is to be held in October in Portland, Oregon.

• **The Grayling Middle School** will be holding a welcoming coffee hour for the incoming 5th graders. If you have a child that will be entering the 6th grade next year or if you know of someone with a 5th grader, please watch for the dates on this event. It will be a nice way to get to see the school and staff without all the pressures of back-to-school.

OBITUARIES

Victor J. Parsons

June 19, 1924 - April 13, 2002

Victor Joseph Parsons, 77, of Grayling, died Saturday, April 13, at Mercy Manor. He was born in Grayling on June 19, 1924 to Oscar and Anna (Boucher) Parsons.

He grew up in Maple Forest Township, graduating from Frederic High School. He served his country in the U.S. Navy - Seabees in World War II. As an adult he moved down state and returned later in the 1970's.

He worked as a salesman most of his life. He sold cars and later advertising specialty products. He was a member of the American Legion Post #106 Grayling, and Roscommon VFW Life Member.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife DeLynn Hennig in 1976, second wife Eileen Madill in 1998, and one grandson, Douglas S. Allen on January 20, 2002.

He is survived by one daughter: Patricia (Kevin) Corr of Whitmore Lake, one son: Vernon (Tina Ann) Parsons of Layton, Utah, and four grandchildren: Jeremy, Joshua and Alyssa Parsons of Layton, Utah, and Kevin Allen of Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Funeral services were Tuesday, April 16 at Sorenson Funeral Home with Reverend Joseph Carpenter officiating and burial at Maple Forest Township Cemetery.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

HONORS

Four Grayling High School band students - Todd Gaffke (alto saxophone), Ken Heinlein (tube), Jason Henning (clarinet), and Ann Hughes (trumpet) - performed in Western Michigan University's Thomas Duffy All-Star Band at WMU's James W. Miller Auditorium on Friday, April 12.

The 120-member all-star band (and WMU's 80-member All-Star Repertory Band) were created as part of the 34th annual Spring Conference on Wind and Percussion Music hosted by Western Michigan University's School of Music.

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Track cont'd 3B

Track team opens with scrimmage at Roscommon



GHS runner Scott Latusek (center) leads the pack early in the 3200-meter run at last Wednesday's track meet in Roscommon. The track was ready for runners, but portions of the areas used for field events (shot put, long jump, etc.) were still covered in snow, so only track events were conducted at the meet. For more, see Page 3B.

Photo by Caleb Casey

Vikings fall to Boyne in opener

► Varsity baseball team posts losses at Boyne City and Kalkaska to start '02

Grayling High School's varsity baseball team lost its season opener last Wednesday, a doubleheader at Boyne City that was originally scheduled to be played in Grayling. Part of Grayling's field still had snow on it as recently as last Thursday, and the field was not ready to host opening day's April 10 games.

In game one at Boyne City, Grayling jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but Boyne came back with four runs in the bottom of the first and went on to win. Pitcher Justin Schreiber, a senior, struggled early for Grayling, but pitched well after a tough first inning. He struck out six, walked five, and surrendered four hits.

Ryan Swope was the leading hitter for GHS in game one with two doubles and two RBI.

"We had plenty of scoring chances but didn't capitalize," said Coach Duane VanDrese. "Our inability to get outside prior to this game showed today."

Walks, errors, and missed opportunities on offense led to a 13-6 Grayling loss in game two of the Boyne City series.

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See "VIKINGS FALL TO..."

Football program to host 2nd Annual Golf Scramble

► Four-person teams invited to play in golf event on Saturday, May 4

The Grayling High School football program will host its 2nd Annual Golf Scramble – a fundraising event – on Saturday, May 4, at the Grayling Country Club.

The golf outing will be an 18-hole, four-person scramble. The event is open to the first 36 four-person teams that sign up and are paid in full.

The cost to participate is \$200 per team.

The fee includes 18 holes of golf and a chicken dinner catered by Grayling Country Club after the

golf scramble event.

(To register for the 2nd Annual Golf Scramble, send the attached application with payment to: Scott Cousineau, 188 Misty Way, Grayling, MI, 49738. Checks should be made payable to "Grayling Varsity Football.")

The scramble will get underway at 1 p.m. on May 4 with a shotgun start. Teams should check in by 12:15 p.m.

There will be eight "money" holes – four "closest to the pin" holes and four "longest drive" holes. There will be an opportunity to win a car, airline tickets, Red Wings hockey tickets, and other prizes.

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Girls soccer team hosts Oscoda



Photo by Caleb Casey

GHS goalie Ashley Bancroft punts the ball after making a save in Grayling's home opener against the Oscoda Owls last Friday. Oscoda won the game. For more, see Page 2B.

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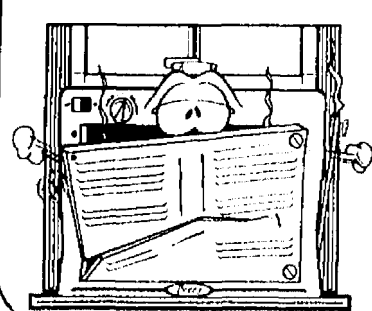
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Monica Safin takes a throw-in for the Vikings against Oscoda on Friday.

(Above) Defender Sally Jansen clears the ball for Grayling in last Friday's varsity girls soccer game at GHS vs. Oscoda. Early last week, the readiness of Grayling's field for the Friday game was uncertain, but the match was played at GHS. (Right) Forward Kelly Jansen pushes the ball downfield for the Vikings. The soccer team hosts Gladwin on Monday, April 22, at 5 p.m.



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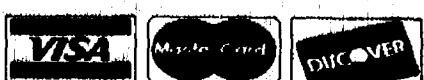
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Hale, senior catcher, batted 7 for 15 (.467) in Grayling's first four games. "Mike's contributions offensively and defensively were outstanding," said Coach VanDrese. Davis, a freshman, pitched a very solid game in his first varsity mound assignment. "He gave us a chance to win and that's all you can ask from anyone, let alone a freshman. Ryan is a hard-working kid whose future is very bright. I anticipate that he is going to get better and better when he gets some innings and at-bats," his coach said. Davis also had an RBI-single in his first varsity at-bat.

Vikings fall to Boyne City in season opener

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"Defensively we fell apart," Coach VanDrese said. "We spotted them nine runs in the first inning, committing several errors. We managed to out-hit Boyne City 9-8, but they took advantage of the mistakes and walks that we surrendered. In addition, we stranded 10 base runners."

Mike Hale went 3 for 4 and Adam Kaiser batted 2 for 4 to lead Grayling's hitting attack in game two.

The Vikings lost their second series of the season - a doubleheader at Kalkaska of Friday - two games to none.

The Blazers of Kalkaska won the first game of the evening 5-1. Pitcher Larry Baynham gave up only five hits, but surrendered seven walks while striking out two. Baynham led the Vikings at the plate

with a 2 for 3 performance (two doubles).

"Walks and errors were our Achilles heel again today," said Coach VanDrese. "We were down 2-1 in the fifth inning when an infield error on a pop-up led to two Kalkaska runs."

Kalkaska won game two by one run in extra innings. "We played much better defense than we have," Coach VanDrese said.

Ryan Davis, a freshman, pitched the first seven innings for Grayling in his varsity pitching debut. Davis gave up six hits, one walk, and struck out four. "He pitched extremely well and gave us a chance to win," VanDrese said.

Schreiber, pitching in relief of Davis, held Kalkaska in the eighth but surrendered a walk in the ninth to the lead-off batter and the Blazers won the game on a throwing error by Grayling.

Hale batted 3 for 5 and Gibson Tobin, a freshman playing in his first varsity game, went 2 for 4.

"We haven't been able to play the kind of baseball that we have to to win," said Coach VanDrese. "We are not good enough or deep enough to play shoddy defense and strand runners and still win. Our margin of error is very, very small. On top of that, our core group of players have not played as well as we need them to. I'm confident that we'll get better, we have to."

The Vikings will host the Bucks of Roscommon on Thursday, April 18, at 4 p.m. On Tuesday, April 23, the team will host Oscoda at 4 p.m.

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Track team opens with scrimmage

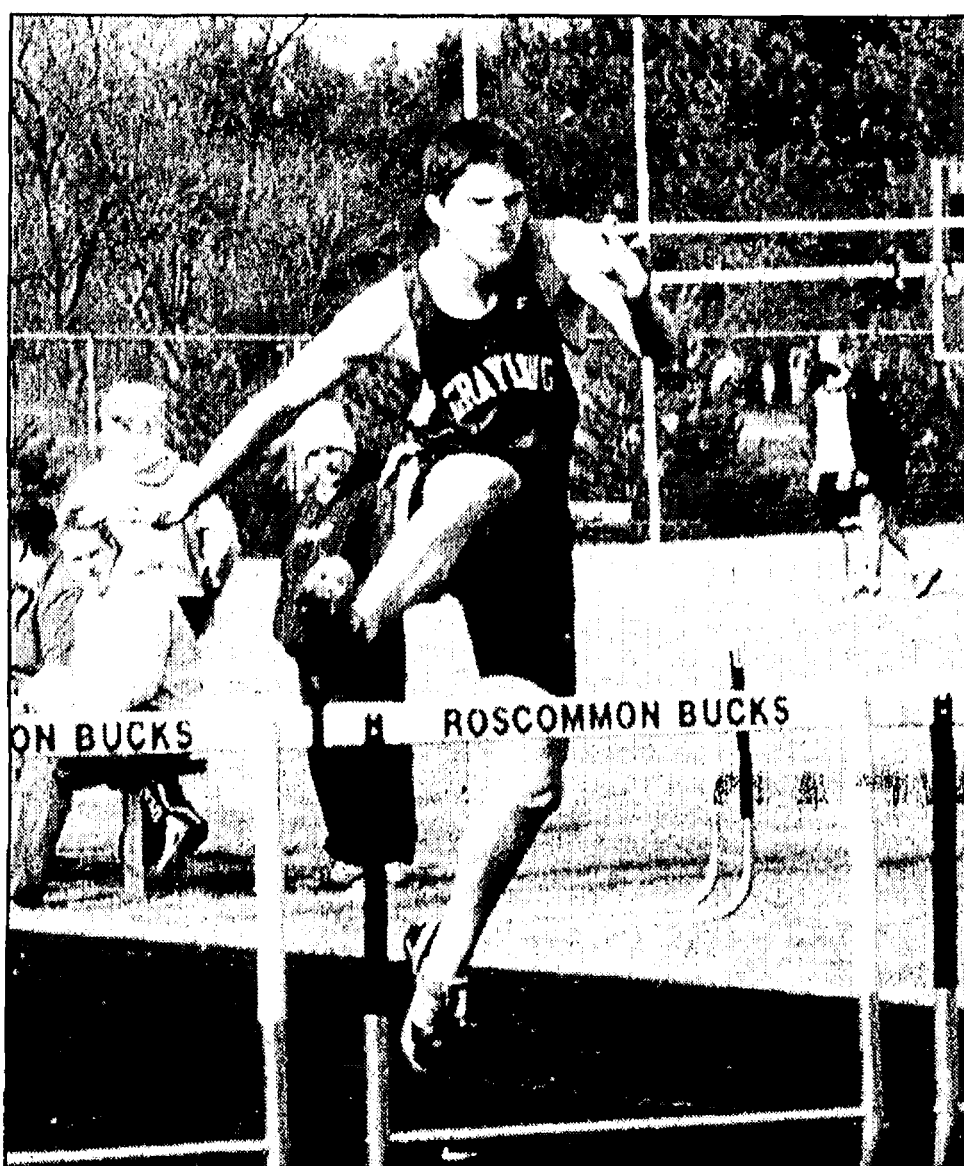


Photos by Caleb Casey

Shannon Terry takes the baton from Ashley Hawley during a relay race at Roscommon last Wednesday. The meet, which ended up being a scrimmage because only the field's track was ready for competition, also featured teams from Cheboygan, Mio, and Roscommon.



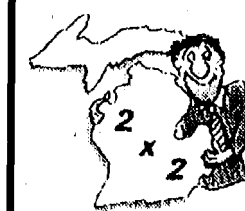
Jessica Green competes in a track event for Grayling last Wednesday in Roscommon.



Damian Fleishmann leaps a hurdle at last week's track meet.



(Above) GHS runner Jamie Pinkelman leaves at the starting gun during a race at last week's scrimmage track meet at Roscommon. (Left) Bob VanNuck nears the finish line for Grayling's boys team.



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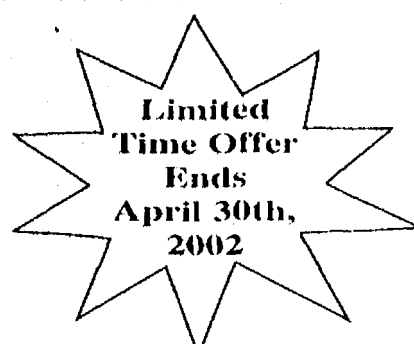
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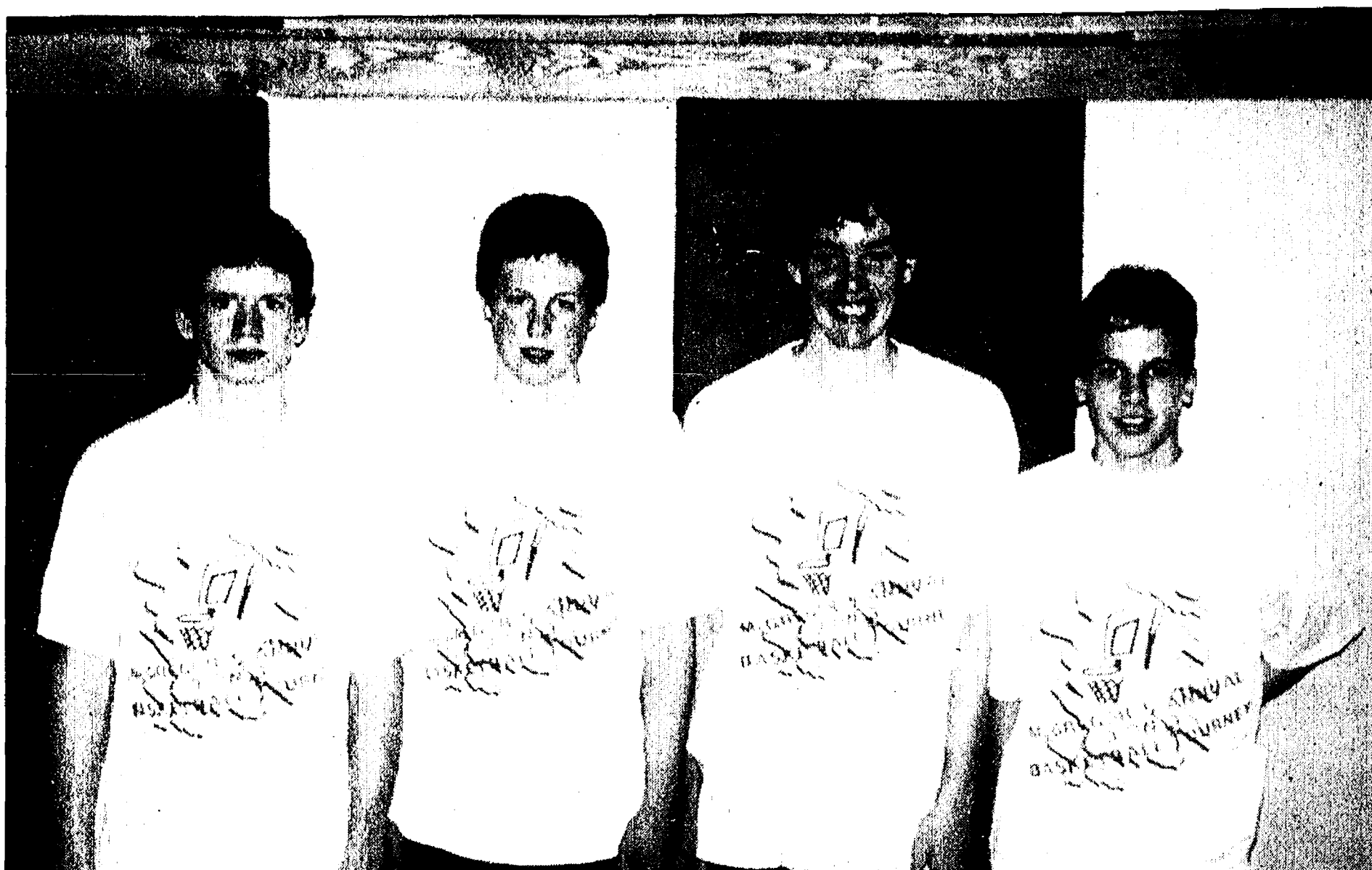
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Local basketball players take 1st at 3 on 3 event



Local 8th graders Joel Wilson, Zach Dean, Bobby Starks, and Eli VanNuck recently took first place at the Ty McGregor 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. The squad posted a 5-0 record in the tourney.

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

ROSCOMMON — Erika Seifert, a 2001 graduate of Roscommon High, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball with Kirtland's Lady Firebirds. Coach Jimmy Parker announced Monday, a few hours after colleges could officially start signing basketball recruits.

Seifert is a 5-foot-5 guard who averaged about 12 points and four steals per game in her senior season.

"She's definitely a defensive specialist," said Parker, adding that Seifert will play guard and possibly the small forward position next season.

Seifert played for Parker in

Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) competition.

"I know what kind of coach he is," Seifert said. "And playing college basketball is something I've always wanted to do. Kirtland has a very good program, and I'm really excited about playing here."

Already a student at Kirtland, Seifert plans to earn her associate's degree before transferring to a four-year university to get a teaching degree. She hopes to teach history and sociology in high school.

Parker said he expects to sign as many as five athletes in the first week of recruiting seasons.

GRA spring soccer is still accepting registrations

► Boys and girls in grades K-6 can still sign up for six-week soccer league

Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) is still accepting registrations for its spring soccer season. The six-week season starts on April 27.

Games will be played on Saturdays at Hanson Hills at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. The GRA spring soccer league is not a traveling program.

Leagues will be organized for

boys and girls in grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-6. The league "emphasizes fun and learning in programming, trying to discourage competition as a goal," according to GRA.

Late registrations will be accepted until 4 p.m. on April 23. The cost to sign up is \$30 per player plus \$10 for a uniform. The uniform, a GRA reversible jersey, can be used in all GRA sports programs except basketball.

The spring soccer league still has positions open for volunteer referees and coaches. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about the league, contact Joe Lehman at 348-2292.

Fox Run to host golf swap, golf clinics on May 4

► Buy or sell at the golf swap; clinics and demonstrations also to be held

Fox Run Country Club will be kicking off its 2002 golf season with a golf swap and golf clinics on Saturday, May 4. The event gives golfers an opportunity to buy, sell, or upgrade equipment, refine their game, or play golf at special one-day rates.

Registration and equipment drop-off for the golf swap will be held on

Friday, May 3, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Fox Run.

The May 4 clinics — "Your Short Game" (11 a.m.) and "The Full Swing" (1 p.m.) — will be conducted by Bruce Fossum, former MSU golf coach. Also, a Spalding/Ben Hogan representative will be on hand for club demonstrations and personal club fittings.

The clinics and demos are open to the public, free of charge.

Fox Run Country Club is located 1/2 mile west of I-75 at exit 251 on Four Mile Road. For more information or to reserve tee times, contact Fox Run at (989) 348-4343.

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Legion Lanes 49 - 49	Corky's Karaoke 34 - 26
Northern White Tail 41 - 57	Hart Pontiac-GMC 32 - 28
Miller's Production 36 - 62	Plaza Bar 31 - 29
High Series: T. Devins, 689; T. Kotrash, 689; C. Brill, 625.	North Michigan Financial 24 - 32
High Game: T. Devins, 267; T. Kotrash, 252; J. Helsel and C. Brill, 234.	R & M Masonry 24 - 36
American Men's League	Hometown 19.5 - 40.5
CSI Ind. Systems 26 - 09	High Series: M. Miller, 554; D. Baker, 505; A. Evon, 496.
Barber Construction 25 - 10	High Game: M. Miller, 202; D. Baker, 201; D. Roman, 194.
McLean's ACE 20 - 15	Seniors
Moore's Automotive 16 - 19	Grayling Pharmacy 69.5 - 50.5
Scheer Motors 16 - 19	Cornell Insurance 65.5 - 54.5
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High Series: L. Davis, 672; L. Davis II, 667; P. Faustman, 650.	Baynham Wood Products 54 - 66
High Game: J. Helsel, 267; L. Davis and D. Canfield, 246.	Sylvester's Sports 53 - 67
Triangle League	Halls Snow Removal 51.5 - 68.5
Ghost Team 66 - 46	High Series Men: D. Germain, 601; G. Wolfe, 580; K. Louchart, 544.
Moshier's Auto Repair 66 - 46	High Game Men: D. Germain, 220; G. Wolfe, 214; C. Babbitt, 200.
Barber Construction 64 - 48	High Series Women: N. Glaslee, 476; L. Dandy, 472; R. Joyce, 467.
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GMS student headed to World Championships



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Meghan Thomas, of Grayling, has qualified to attend the 2002 Youth World Championships for the National Barrel Horse Association. This competition is a five-day event and will be held in Jackson, MS later this summer. Thomas and her partner, "Somethin'or'nothin'" (barn name "Lucky") will be competing within a group of 1,400 youth finalists from all over the U.S.A. and several other countries. This team has many accomplishments including a State Championship in 1999 in the third division. Thomas, an 8th grade Grayling Middle School student, and Lucky, a 17-year old Thoroughbred, train at Hawk Hill Farm in Grayling, coached by Geri Olson. Thomas said she is looking forward to representing northern Michigan and is hoping for community support to help fulfill her dreams.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

ROBERT A. TREMAIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary D. Isenbauer and Galah J. Isenbauer, husband and wife to Superior Bank FSB Pacific Equity Division, Mortgagee, dated March 8, 1999, and recorded on March 22, 1999, in Liber 0477, on page 245 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to LaSalle National Bank as trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement DTD 02/01/99 Series 1999-1, by an assignment dated March 10, 1999, and recorded on March 5, 2002, in Liber 572, on page 309 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty thousand two hundred twenty eight and 43/100 Dollars (\$50,228.43), including interest at 9.375 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 1, 2002.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 5, Block 9, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records, located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

Also, Being part of Lot 6, Block 9, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records, located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

Commencing at the Westerly corner of said Lot 6, thence North 44 degrees 58 minutes 31 seconds East along the right-of-way of Lake Street and Lot line of said Lot 6, 120.00 feet; thence South 44 degrees 59 minutes 33 seconds East along the Northeastly line of said Lot 6, 59.00 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence South 47 degrees 31 minutes 28 seconds West 25.04 feet; thence South 45 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds east 1.50 feet; thence South 46 degrees 46 minutes 10 seconds West 95.04 feet; thence South 44 degrees 59 minutes 05 seconds East along the Southwesterly line of said Lot 6, 4.00 feet; thence North 44 degrees 57 minutes 38 seconds East along the Lot line between Lots 5 and 6 of said plat 120.01 feet; thence North 44 degrees 59 minutes 33 seconds West along the Northeastly line of said Lot 6, 1.38 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 28, 2002
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For Information please call:
(248) 540-7701
LaSalle National Bank as
Trustee Under the Pooling and
Servicing Agreement DTD
02/01/99 Series 1999-1
Assignee of Mortgage

-28-4-11-18

NOTICE BY PERSONS CLAIMING TITLE UNDER TAX DEED:

To the Owner or Owners of any and all interest in, or Liens upon, the Lands herein described, and to Theresa Stenkowski (aka Theresa A. Stempkowski) and to her unknown Husband, owners of last recorded title according to the Crawford County records, and to their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, and assigns, including those who are legally incompetent to act in their own behalf.

TAKE NOTICE: Sale was lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deed issued for the land. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50 percent in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an Action, without other additional cost of charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute Proceedings for possession of the land.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Beaver Creek, Town 25 North Range 4 West, Section 24, Parcel E: Part of W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 24, 2.60 acres
Parcel Number: 20-050-051-024-10-020-04 100%

DEED NUMBER: 63
TAX FOR YEAR: 1996
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-28-4-11-18

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given the Default has occurred in the following Mortgages given to the United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture:

1. Mortgage given by Bonnie S. Barnes dated October 25, 1994 and recorded on

October 25, 1994 in Liber 385 on pages 318 through 321 of the Crawford County Records and:

2. Mortgage given by Delmar E. Gasser and Tina M. Avery dated July 11, 1996 and recorded on July 16, 1996 in Liber 414 on pages 498 through 501 of the Crawford County Records.

No proceeding have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three and 23/100 (\$49,123.23) Dollars.

The Mortgages will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on May 1, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgages, including interest at the rate of 7.25% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgages as:

Lot 18, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 28, 2002
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Acting Through the Rural Development
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Administration, of the United States
Department of Agriculture.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas L. McMurtrie and Sharon L. McMurtrie, husband and wife, to Old Kent Bank, now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank, mortgagee, dated April 18, 1996 and recorded April 26, 1996 in Liber 410, Page 388-391, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR and 4/100 Dollars (\$17,464.04) including interest at the rate of 11% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of

Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 197 & 198, AuSable Woods #6, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of plats, page 19, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: March 28, 2002
Orlans Associates PC
Attorneys for Old Kent Bank now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank
As Mortgagee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48063
(248) 457-1000
File No. 200 0313

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Ronald McVety and Colleen McVety, husband and wife to Southern Pacific Funding Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 1998 and recorded on June 30, 1998 in Liber 457, Page 170, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said Mortgage was assigned to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. as trustee f/k/a Northwest Bank of Minnesota, N.A. as trustee by an assignment dated November 15, 2001 and recorded November 27, 2001 in Liber 561, Page 151, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four and 76/100 Dollars (\$46,624.76), including interest at 11.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday May 15, 2002.

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Dated: April 3, 2002
Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. as

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance Update
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, 2002
Grayling Township Hall
2090 Viking Way (M-72)

A public hearing of the Grayling Township Planning Commission has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, 2002 at the Grayling Township Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to accept comments on the proposed update to the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the draft ordinance, which is available for inspection by contacting the township office at 989-348-4361. The township office hours are 8:30-4:30 Monday thru Friday. Written comments may be addressed to Grayling Township Planning Commission, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738-0521 and should be received prior to the public hearing.

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE FOR BIDS

Maple Forest Township will be accepting bids from persons interested in mowing and trimming the township cemetery and hall grounds. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2002 and may be written for multiple years. Bids may be sent to Maple Forest Township, c/o Susan Keene, Township Clerk, at 8802 N. Petersen Rd., Frederic, MI 49733 or dropped off at the township office. For additional information please call 348-5794 or 348-9801.

Maple Forest Township Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, to accept other than a low bid and to make decisions that will be in the best interest of Maple Forest Township.

Susan Keene
Township Clerk

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting held on the 27th day of March 2002, Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Wyman, Hayes, Moshier, Banda, Awiszus, Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, City Clerk, Terry McGregor, Caleb Casey, Wayne Koppa, Tim Zigala.

This Special Meeting was called to discuss only the following two items.

1. Development of the City & Township Industrial Parks. Mr. Moshier gave Council a report of the meeting he attended regarding the proposed City and Township Industrial Parks. A map of the development was presented for Council to see. There was a discussion regarding the grants available for industrial development. Grayling Township suggested that the City, Grayling Township and Beaver Creek Township cooperate in a grant application through MEDC and BDA.

2. Rescind and take action on the Income Tax Ordinance.

02-62 Moved by Hayes, supported by Banda to rescind Motion #20-51 to cut the income tax in half retroactive to January 1, 2002. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

02-63

Moved by Hayes, supported by Banda to place a proposal on the November 5, 2002 Ballot asking the residents if they wish to expand the use of the Income Tax Monies to include capital projects. If the ballot proposal fails in November, the Income Tax Amendments will become effective January 1, 2003. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wyman, Awiszus, Moshier, Hayes, Banda. Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Adjournment

02-64

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Kay Ellen King

City Clerk

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 25th day of March 2002 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Hayes, Wyman, Moshier, Banda, Awiszus.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, City Clerk, Tom Wellman, Caleb Casey, Duane Brooks, Terry McGregor, Bill Gannon, Rich Cook, Gail Madsen.

Public Hearing: None.

Approval of Consent Agenda

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing concerning its pending application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for funding under the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program's (CDBG) Economic Development Planning Grants Projects. The application request for \$15,000 is proposed to be used to help fund the "Industrial Park Planning Project." Funds from the CDBG Program will be used to help undertake a study of the infrastructure needed in order to develop the 117 acre addition to the City's Industrial Park. This industrial park addition is located at 4622 Young Street. It is expected that this project will benefit at least 51 percent low and moderate income persons.

The Public Hearing will be held on April 29, 2002, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School (Ogemaw Street Entrance), Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing, especially persons of low and moderate income and those living within the project area.

Kay Ellen King
City Clerk
City of Grayling

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING BUDGET HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing for its 2002-2003 budget on Monday, April 29, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., at the middle school (Ogemaw side entrance). All citizens are invited to attend and provide council with written and/or oral comments and ask questions concerning the city's proposed budget. The proposed budget can be inspected by the public from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday in the city clerk's office at City Hall. Handicapped persons needing assistance should contact the city office before the meeting by calling 348-2131.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The discussion at this public hearing will also include consideration of the proposed millage rate to be levied for the 2002-2003 tax year and the relationship of the state equalized value and the taxable value of property and the changes for same between 2001-2002 and 2002-2003. The millage rate proposed in the 2002-2003 budget is 14.8 mills for operation and 0.0 mills for debt retirement. This millage rate is exactly the same as the 2001-2002 millage rate but will result in increased revenues due to increases in state equalized values and taxable values. The City of Grayling has complete authority to set the millage rate for city operations at any level below the charter limit.

Kay Ellen King
City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO RESIDENTS WITHIN 300 FEET

Frederic Township residents be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing on April 25, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the Frederic Township Hall. Located at 7564 C. R. 612, to hear the following two cases:

2002 ZBA 001 Owner: Fred Rowe, Petitioner
3937 N. Manistee River Rd.
Frederic, MI 49733
Parcel # 20-030-018-001-020-00

2002 ZBA 002 Owner: John and Ellen Korte
988 Norway Pine Dr.
Frederic, MI 49733
Parcel # 20-030-031-002-022-00

Both petitioners are requesting a variance in order to build closer to the Manistee River than the 100 ft. setback that is required in the Frederic Manistee River District ordinance.

Tentative text maps may be examined at the Frederic Township Office during normal business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to Frederic Township Zoning Dept., P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733. Telephone: (989) 348-8840.

Douglas J. Pratt
Frederic Twp. Zoning Administrator

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a. Revenue/Expenditure Report for February 2002.

b. Chamber of Commerce Minutes of February 20, 2002.

c. Minutes of Grayling Planning Commission of February 21, 2002.

d. Crawford County Board of Commissioners Letter.

02-56

Moved by Banda, supported by Moshier to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, motion carried.

02-57

Moved by Banda, supported by Awiszus that the minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2002 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Old Business.

a. Grayling Township Building Permit Fee Schedule. After discussion it was decided that more information is needed before making a decision.

b. City Hall Update. Mr. Moshier showed sketches to Council from Steve Langseth and Brad Butcher on proposed building sites of new City Hall. They also discussed a proposal from Ken Richmond. Council needs to address the method of paying for building, using a general contractor or construction manager at some point. Council needs to address the same issues with the Fire Station.

c. Zoning Ordinance.

02-58

Moved by Banda, supported by Moshier to adopt the City Zoning Ordinance as amended. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

d. Fire Department Expenses. Discussion was held on the Fire Department Expense Proration between the City and Township. Council is willing to sign a 10 year agreement. They still need to address the percentages for building cost and a termination clause. Will finalize at the next meeting.

e. Judgement regarding Health Enterprises of Michigan, Inc.

02-59

Moved by Hayes, supported by Banda to pay the Health Enterprises of Michigan, Inc. the final judgement in the amount of \$4,398.39 as ordered. Ayes: 5, nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

02-60

Moved by Hayes, supported by Banda to authorize the City Manager to meet with the County Prosecutor in regards to criminal charges under the Income Tax Ordinance and state statutes, and in the alternative a civil suit against Health Enterprises of Michigan, Inc. for Income Tax fraud. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

f. Income Tax. Council was given a letter from the City Attorney regarding the validity of the Income Tax motion made at the March 11, 2002 meeting. In order to rescind the motion a special meeting needs to be called. The Mayor called a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Offices to rescind the motion and take action.

New Business: None.

Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Richard Cook spoke to Council about opening a restaurant on the Business Loop. He needs to call Dennis Palmer for a special meeting of the Planning Commission because the use of the building has changed and needs to go before the Planning Commission for approval.

b. Richard Cook talked to Council about insulating of homes in the city. Mr. Wyman will speak with Joe Duran regarding this issue.

Reports from ZBA, Planning Committee, Park Committee.

a. Kathy Awiszus gave a report to Council on Planning Commission. They are working on a Sign Ordinance.

b. Kathy Awiszus gave a report on the Parks Committee. Gail Madsen gave a presentation to Council on Grayling Riverpark Project Plans, the committee's ideas of issues pending, erosion at the river bank, signage, what the committee would like to see done for the future. Contract for the trees needs to be done as the grant is good only until June 30, 2002.

CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF BOARD POSITION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is presently accepting applications for a position on the County Housing and Rehabilitation Commission. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest in the housing stock for Crawford County and participate in the many decisions which take place at monthly meetings. The county prefers some banking knowledge. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore no later than April 23, 2002 at 4:30 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10
PROPOSED NEW SANITARY HEALTH CODE

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, April 30, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.**, the Board of Public Health for the District Health Department #10 will hold a Public hearing in the **"Meeting Room"** at the **Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library** located at **201 Plum Street, Grayling, MI 49738**, concerning the proposed new Sanitary Code (proposed to become effective on October 1, 2002). A copy of the proposed new Sanitary Code may be reviewed or purchased at the Crawford County Office, of District Health Department #10 located at 202 Meadows Drive, Grayling, MI, Monday thru Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30.

All interested persons may attend the public meeting and be heard with regard to the proposed new Sanitary Code. Written comments may be submitted to the local health department at the above address.

Board of Public Health for the
District Health Department #10
March 28, 2002

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on the March 19, 2002 report in the amount of \$7.00; DARE Fund - prepaid voucher, payroll and open invoices on the March 19, 2002 report in the amount of \$5,105.06; Liquor Law Enforcement Fund - payroll in the amount of \$50.89; and Remuneration Fund - open invoices on the March 19, 2002 report in the amount of \$5,017.19.

Moved to accept correspondence as submitted.

Moved to support Antrim and Kalkaska Counties to amend the Michigan Vehicle Code.

Moved to oppose the redirection of additional funds in HB 5733 - 5736 which increases the diesel fuel tax by 4 cents to 19 cents, thereby equalizing the rate with motor fuel taxes and submit to MAC and Legislators.

Moved to submit a letter of support for the LINK-Michigan initiative and pursue MEDC planning grants up to \$400,000.00 for broadband (fiber optic) telecommunications infrastructure in the nine northeast Michigan counties.

Moved to adopt a Resolution to support the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in their effort to fulfill their obligation to establish a permanent repository at Yucca Mountain, NV for high-level nuclear waste; and submit copies to the U.S. Department of Energy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Michigan's U.S. Senators and members of Congress.

Moved to adopt a Resolution in Support of Lapeer County Register of deeds and recognized the necessity of statutory fees for the implementation of county services and the exclusion of certain records where a statutory fee is set from FOIA.

Moved to authorize two (2) Sheriff Deputies to extend vacation time past their anniversary date.

Moved to offer a copy of an opinion relative to Retiree Health Care Benefits written by Attorney Bonnie Toskey to union representatives provided the copy is only used for union business.

Moved to allow adhere to the County policy and allow Sheriff Deputy Tom Coors to purchase 2 years 11 months of Military time through the Michigan Employees Retirement System (MERS).

Moved to request EMO submit a letter of intent through NEMCOG to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for the fish hatchery building restoration with 10% match monies to be raised through private donations. Moved to waive the County policy and honor the request by the North Central Community Mental Health Board and Reappoint Board Member Jack Mahank for a term ending March 31, 2005.

Moved to accept the Opinion from Labor Attorney Bonnie Toskey and deny any claim of Retiree Health Insurance Benefits for a former employee who left the County for other employment in 1986 and is now eligible to draw retirement benefits.

Moved to adopt a resolution to sever the 83rd District Court Judgeship between Roscommon and Crawford Counties, request legislative action to facilitate, and submit copies to Senators McManus & VanRegenmorter, Representative Bradstreet, the State Court Administrative Office and Speaker of the House Representative Johnson.

Moved to appoint Gloria Kraus to the Commission on Aging Board with a term ending 6/30/04, and appoint Elizabeth Robinson to the Commission on Aging Board with a term ending 6/30/03.

Consensus to submit the Building & Zoning Director request to Amend Planning Commission By-Laws to the Planning Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p. m. A full context of the meeting minutes is available in the clerk's office.

Sandra Moore
Clerk/Register of Deeds

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Mortgage Sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Tammy A. Jackson, an unmarried individual, of 8315 M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653, Mortgagee, to 1st Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, of 502 W. Houghton Avenue, P.O. Box 335, West Branch, MI 48661, Ogemaw County, Michigan, Mortgagee, August 15, 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on August 24, 2000, in Liber 516, Pages 108-115, of Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of sixty three thousand five hundred ninety and 19/100 Dollars (\$63,590.19):

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 1st day of May, A.D. 2002, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, described as Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Section 20 for a Point of Beginning; Thence North 89 degrees 26 Minutes 00 Seconds West on the Section Line, 237.00 Feet; Thence North 00 degrees 02 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 300.00 feet; Thence South 89 Degrees 26 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 239.10 feet; Thence South 00 Degrees 24 Minutes 00 Seconds West on Section Line, 300.00 Feet to the Point of Beginning.

Tax ID: 062-020-016-040-07
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 28, 2002
Wellman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Wellman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. 310
Troy, MI 48064

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals for Internet dial-up management and engineering services. Projected contract award date is May 10, 2002.

Proposals will be received in the business office of Kirtland Community College until 3:30 p.m. on May 3, 2002, at which time they will be opened and publicly read. Bid documents are available from the Director of Institutional Services, Kirtland Community College, 989-275-5000, Ext. 299.

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
April 19, 1979

Camp Grayling recently became involved in preserving a part of its past when the Michigan Department of Military Affairs successfully nominated the Camp Grayling Officer's Open Mess to the State Register of Historic Sites. Submitted to and approved for designation by the Michigan Historical Commission in August of 1978, the Officer's Open Mess is located on Howe Road within the Camp Grayling complex. Rasmus Hanson, a local Grayling lumber baron, donated the land for Camp Grayling in 1913 as well as the \$20,000 needed to construct the attractive Officer's Open Mess. Within the building, completed in 1917, area was designed to accommodate the Governor's Suite used during the executive's traditional review of the troops each year. The Ballroom, also housed within the Open Mess, was and still is used for the Governor's Ball and a variety of other formal military affairs. Built of wood and attractively detailed on the exterior with a deep porch stretching along the entire front facade and rows of dormer windows set into the low hipped roof, the Officer's Open Mess lends an air of beauty and relaxation to an otherwise austere military setting.

Hospital Expansion Continues - Work is moving along on the addition at Mercy Hospital with inside construction work continuing throughout the winter months. A 1980 spring completion date is

anticipated on the \$8 million dollar project designed to provide the best in medical services available in northern Michigan. Despite the normal appearance of construction materials on the construction site the building is taking shape and normal hospital services are being continued as usual.

46 Years Ago
April 19, 1956

Rev. R. C. Puffer, pastor of Grayling's Michelson Memorial Church announced today that he would seek the seat of State Representative from the Presque Isle District on the Republican ticket. Friends of Rev. Puffer urged him to enter the race for the legislative position and today he announced that he would.

The first of what is hoped to be an annual event, AuSable Bowfishing Carnival, sponsored jointly by the Grayling Bowhunters and the Grayling Sportsman's Club in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce will be held here his coming weekend. Shooting will be done either from canoes or from the bank. Local canoe liveries will have canoes on hand to rent. Bowfishing tackle and accessories are available in local sporting goods stores. Those entering the Carnival will attempt to take suckers from the AuSable River from the US-27 bridge down to Burton's Landing. No prizes will be awarded for trout - look before you shoot.

Mr. and Mrs. John Latusek, who run the Gulf Service Station, are

remodeling the restaurant next door. The new business will be under the Latusek's management, and at present they plan to call it the Shamrock Restaurant. The Latusek's hope to have their new place in operation by the opening of the fishing season.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Peterson are glad to have their little daughter, Portia, back home safe and sound. Last Thursday afternoon, a cold and windy day, Portia wandered away from home. Mrs. Peterson discovered the little girl's absence almost immediately and notified her husband. This was about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, with darkness and a cold night only 3 hours away. The Grayling police were notified and a search began at once. Deputy Rolla Failing of the sheriff's office, notified men of the Conservation Department, the Grayling Airport, Bear Archery, the National Guard, and the State Police. Within a half-hour there were about 100 people searching for Portia. Since the Peterson home is on the AuSable River about a half-mile west of town, was feared that the little girl might have fallen in. Her father took a boat and began looking along the river. Other boats were on the way when Portia was found.

Along an old trail road in back of the Grayling Airport, David Peterson, age 9, Portia's brother came upon some of the little girl's clothing. He was joined by Conservation Officer Russell Wright, and the two followed the trail of discarded shoes, socks and underwear. They found Portia about a mile from home on the old road. She had crossed the N.Y. Central Railroad tracks in her wanderings and trudged a remarkable distance

for one so young. Deputy Failing estimates that within the next half hour there would have been about 500 people engaged in the search. It is this overwhelming response to an emergency call for assistance that impressed the officers. It is gratifying to know there are so many who responded so quickly.

69 Years Ago
April 20, 1933

Jimmy Post is rightfully billiard champion of Grayling by virtue of his two point victory in the final game over Red Callahan, in the billiard tournament Tuesday night.

An explosion of Pyrofax gas in the basement of the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Gottie A. Gottie at Lake Margrethe just about wrecked that fine structure. The explosion occurred on Sunday morning.

Basketball makes its final box in Grayling for the season of 1932-1933 tomorrow night. The Lumberjacks will clash with a team of high school seniors and the result ought to be good entertainment.

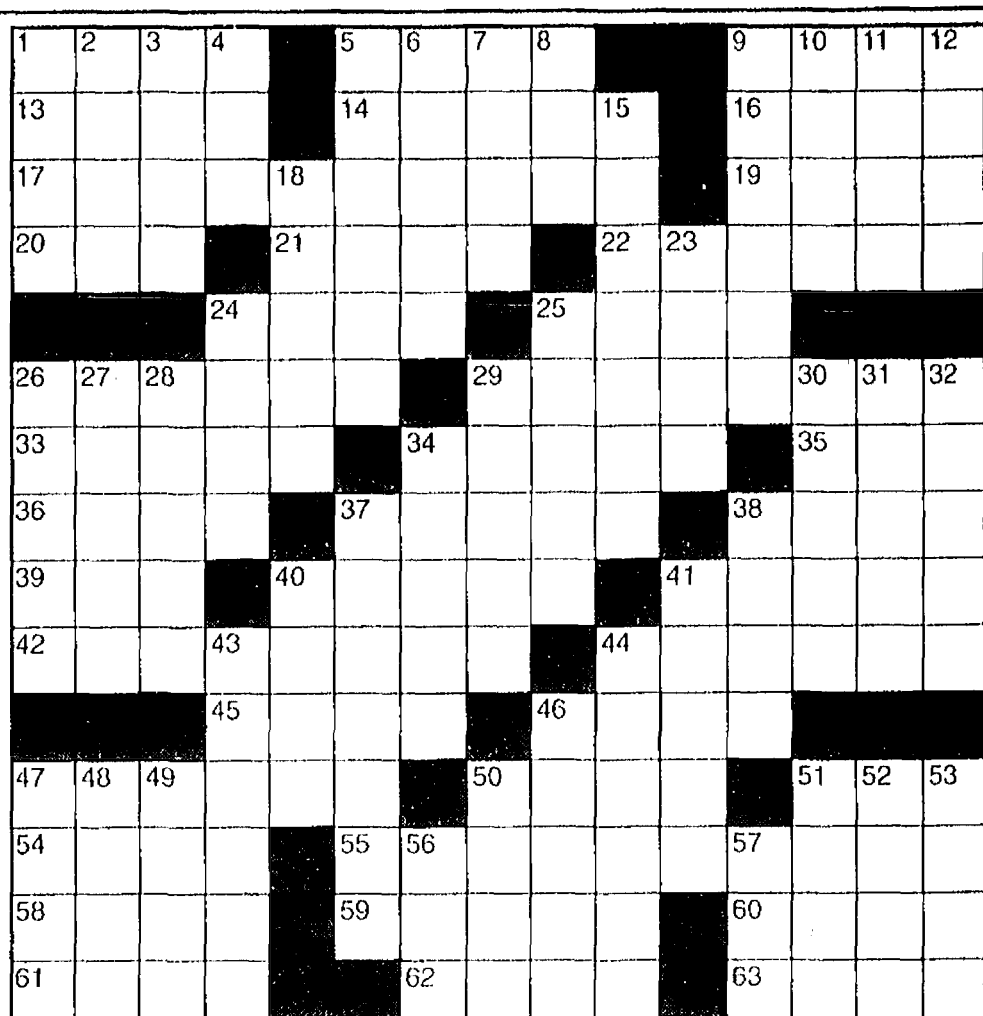
92 Years Ago
April 21, 1910

William Brennan has purchased from Mr. Fournier, the house which has been for several years occupied by J. C. Foreman, on the corner of Lake and Cedar Streets.

The civil engineers of M & N E R are at work in the village laying out their line of track to get into the M C depot, which we hear is to be made a union depot.

Hal Davis, with some of his friends, reached here Monday and have gone to the lake to get the home ready for the ladies, who are now rusticing in Detroit, but who will be here sometime in May.

CROSSWORD



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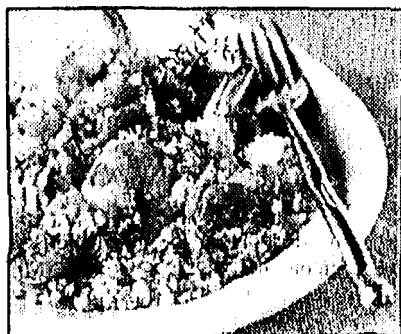
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5. Fink
9. British streetcar
13. Funny one
14. Really (Sendak book)
16. 1932 Garbo role
17. "Famous for 15 minutes" fellow
19. She played Gilda
20. Firmament
21. Use a bridge path
22. Certain skirts
24. Forfeit a turn
25. Small bottle
26. End a search
29. Shirley Temple's trademark
33. Era
34. Ponders
35. Repartee expert
36. Tessa
37. They're on a docket
38. Drunkard
39. Game based on Crazy Eights
40. Leisurely
41. Tropical fruit
42. Does
44. Tattered

45. The ____ of the Apostles
46. Swamplands
47. Bering's discovery
50. Therefore
51. 21st Greek letter
54. Alfred of the stage
55. Meddled
58. This may cling
59. Dame of Paris
60. Distribute, as cards
61. Strong ____ ox
62. Sugar source
63. Energetic

DOWN

1. Lingerie items
2. Barnyard sound
3. ____ Heat (Hurt film)
4. Pig's home
5. Cook slowly
6. Peerage members
7. Arthur of the courts
8. Life story, for short
9. Excite
10. Joan Crawford film
11. Comic Johnson
12. Farrow et al.
15. NYC eatery of the stars
18. Fury
23. Lingers
24. Stride
25. Gripping tools
26. Die down
27. Reckon
28. Hue
29. Deteriorates through inaction
30. Basketball's Patrick
31. Glimmer
32. Endured
34. Cripples
37. Drape
38. Shows happiness, canine style
40. Hit
41. ____ leisure
43. Secure
44. Rue
46. Jacques of song
47. Menlo Park middle name
48. Pitcher Tiant
49. ____ Karenina
50. Small: suffix
51. Type of school, for short
52. Listen
53. In a lazy manner
56. Slangy head
57. The Begleys

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



Kasha and Shrimp Jambalaya

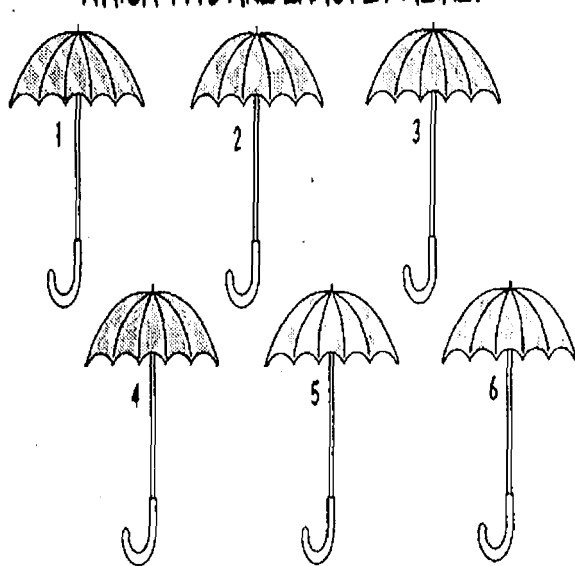
RECIPE OF THE WEEK

- 3/4 cup whole kasha
- 1/2 cup long-grain rice (not converted)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 package (4 oz.) chorizo, sliced (about 3/4 cup)
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced sweet green bell pepper
- 1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes and chilies
- 1 pound shelled cooked shrimp or 2 cups cooked chicken chunks
- 1 teaspoon salt

In a large skillet (preferably nonstick), over high heat, cook and stir kasha and rice until toasted, about 3 minutes; remove to a bowl. To skillet, add oil; heat until hot; stir in chorizo, celery, onion and bell pepper; cook and stir over medium-high heat until onion is tender, about 5 minutes. Add kasha and rice mixture along with 2 3/4 cups boiling water. Cover and simmer until kasha and rice are tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, shrimp and salt; cover and cook until hot, about 2 minutes. If desired, garnish with chopped parsley and/or thinly sliced green onion.

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



Just Kidding

DID YOU KNOW?

Anteaters prefer termites to ants.

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

ANT BEDBUG BEE BEETLE CENTIPEDE COCKROACH FLEA FLY MILLIPede MOSQUITO SPIDER WASP

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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Adopt a Pet



Ryan is a neutered chow mix and is nearly a year old. He is friendly, happy and always wears a smile! There are many dogs and cats waiting for adoption at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Please call 348-4117 for more information on Ryan or any other animal. Or, e-mail: animal_director@yahoo.com. Our Glen's eScrip group number is 34024. Sign up today!

The Animal Shelter is gearing up for the big adoption event at the zoo in Detroit the weekend of May 4-5. Our animals are all being spayed and neutered to go to the zoo and on to new homes. Our adoption prices have gone up on spayed or neutered animals and it is now \$125 to adopt a dog that is already spayed or neutered and has had all of it's shots. Those who have not yet been altered may be adopted for \$50. To see what animals are up for adoption at the shelter, log on to: ascc.petfinder.com today!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Winter Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9am - 1pm; Sun. and Holidays 8am - 11am

After hour appointments available.

HOROSCOPES

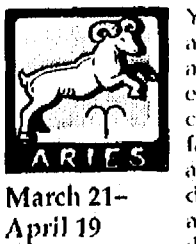
For the Week of April 18, 2002



CAPRICORN

December 22-January 19

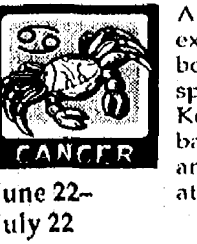
You know what to do and when to do it. Tap into rarely used talents and knowledge to build for the future—step out of your comfort zone. Keep diet resolutions.



ARIES

March 21-April 19

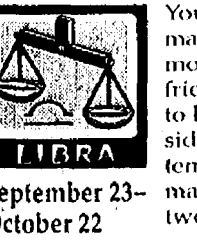
You're the center of attention and people are attracted to your enthusiasm and charm. Get all the facts before making an important decision. Slow down and pay attention to details.



CANCER

June 22-July 22

A new project proves exciting and may just be what's needed to spark your creativity. Keep your life balanced with friends and family. Pay close attention to finances.



LIBRA

September 23-October 22

You may have to make the first move to patch up a friendship. Be willing to listen to the other side and keep your temper in check. You may learn a thing or two!



AQUARIUS

January 20-February 18

You may feel overwhelmed with a difficult situation, but soon it will get resolved and you'll keep your priorities in order. Stay on schedule. A friend or family member seeks guidance and reassurance.



TAURUS

April 20-May 20

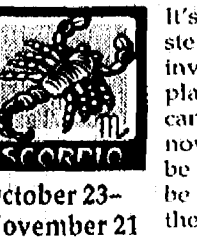
A challenging situation gives you the chance to show off your skills and talents. Let your intuition guide you. Now is the time to tackle a home improvement project.



LEO

July 23-August 22

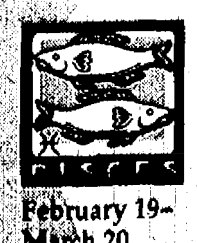
Looking behind the scenes allows you to find a new solution to an old problem. Be willing to accept praise for your actions. You'll get insight into how it all fits together!



SCORPIO

October 23-November 21

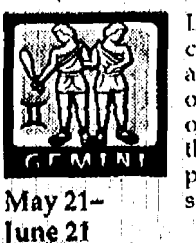
It's a good time to step back and take inventory of your plans. Realize what can be accomplished now and what should be put on hold. You'll be in the right place at the right time.



PISCES

February 19-March 20

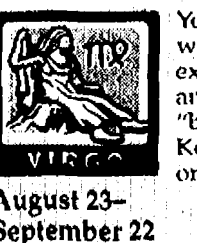
Mixing work and play may lead you in a profitable direction. Time with family and friends gives you a fresh outlook. An outing or short trip is in the picture.



GEMINI

May 21-June 21

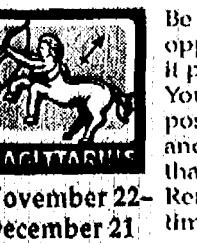
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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain
4/10	41	22	
4/11	57	30	
4/12	68	42	
4/13	59	26	.02
4/14	67	29	
4/15	71	42	
4/16	83	50	

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 71 Low 41 AM T-Storms	High 72 Low 39 Scattered Strong Storms	High 60 Low 29 Partly Cloudy	High 49 Low 27 Partly Cloudy	High 50 Low 27 Showers

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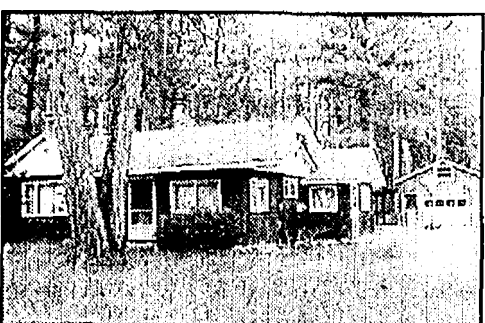
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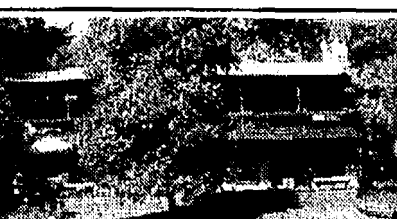
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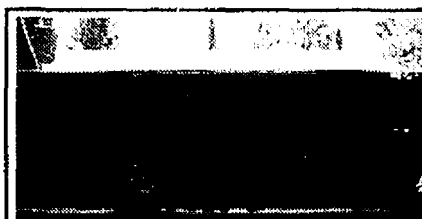
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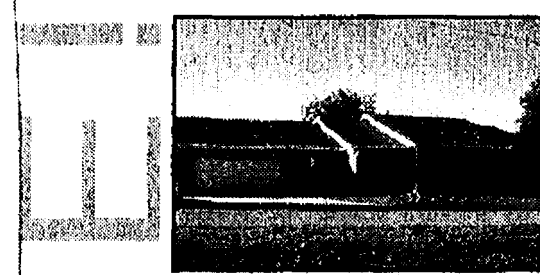
NEW LISTING
Ranch 2 bedroom, 2 bath home situated on 3 acres has a very large kitchen with plenty of cabinets and a ton of counter space! Dining room is also large, measuring 23x10! Property also features a large back deck, shed and fencing for a horse. \$80,000 #4928



This cozy cabin offers new 5" well, new septic and drain field, new garage, new covered porch and a new addition to the cabin all done in 2001. Two bedrooms plus family room and a 12x24 garage. The property adjoins the national forest to the East. \$63,900 #4890



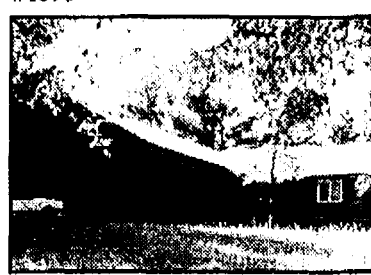
Nice 3 bedroom home on a corner lot in the City of Grayling. All appliances included. Bath all new in 2001, new carpet in living room, dining room, kitchen, bath and 1 bedroom. 18x22 attached garage & 21x6 enclosed porch. Perfect location for Home / Business. Features Thermopane windows in living room, dining, master & 3rd bedroom. Very energy efficient featuring insulated duct work, 3 ceiling fans & burglar alarm. In addition to commercial frontage, there is a nicely wooded rear lot. \$124,500 #4924



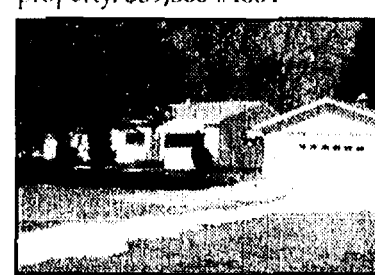
This 5 bedroom home is just 5 years old and features 3 bathrooms, walk in closet in master suite, attached 2 car garage and 42x10 deck. Custom built by John Small and Gene Rauch with finish work by Phil Townley. \$180,000 #4870



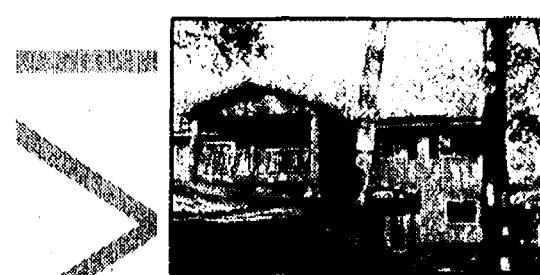
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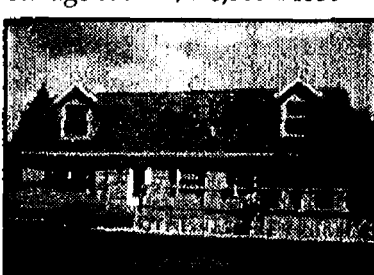
This very nice home has a full basement, half of which is finished in. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, garage and alarm system. Home is situated on a large corner lot with several beautiful mature trees. Close to town location! \$119,000 #4872



Perfect location for Home / Business. Features Thermopane windows in living room, dining, master & 3rd bedroom. Very energy efficient featuring insulated duct work, 3 ceiling fans & burglar alarm. In addition to commercial frontage, there is a nicely wooded rear lot. \$124,500 #4924



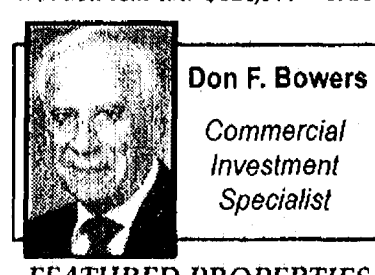
Beautiful home built & completed in 2001. 3 B/R, 2 bath home has master suite, carpet & Pergo flooring; full finished, walk-out basement w/French doors. Landscaped 3/4 acre parcel w/fantastic view is located on paved, county maintained road. \$145,900 #4887



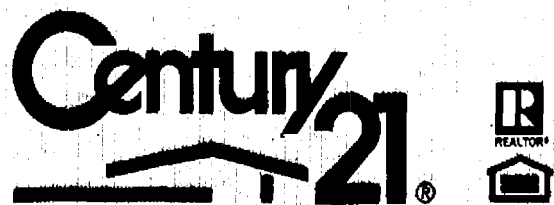
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4. Services Offered

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8. Announcements

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8. Announcements

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Roscommon County Fairgrounds - Friday, April 26, Noon - 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For further info., call the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District at 989-275-5231.

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9. Personals

Happy Birthday Mike!
Wow! 18 already?



Love,
Mom, Jeff, Britt, Ray and Cassie

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SEND IN YOUR PHOTO OF YOUR PET TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS SPECIAL SECTION. DEADLINE IS MAY 3, 2002 THE COST IS \$10.00 FOR EACH PHOTO SUBMITTED. PLEASE SEND PHOTOS WITH GOOD CONTRAST.

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Featuring photos of your pets.
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CLIP AND SUBMIT WITH PHOTO

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Owner's Name(s): _____
Tell us about your pet: (25 words or less) _____

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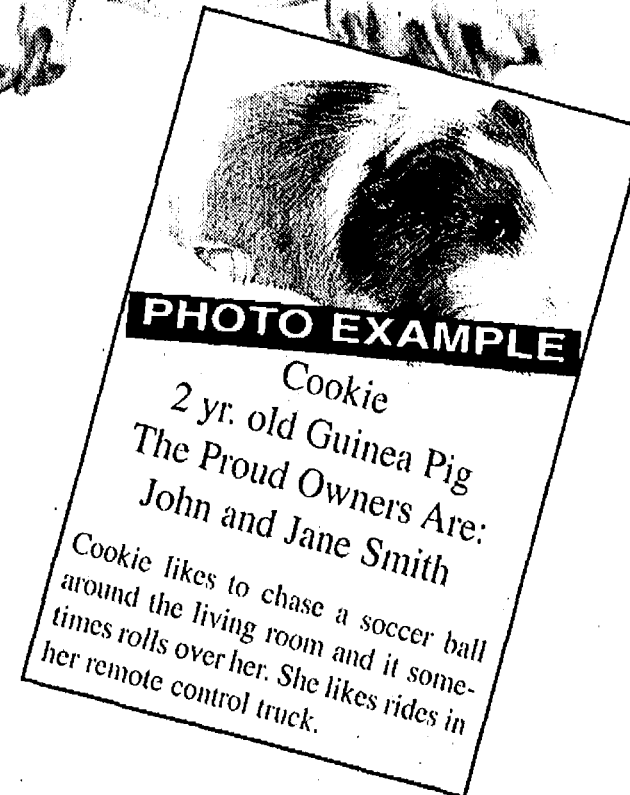


PHOTO EXAMPLE

Cookie
2 yr. old Guinea Pig
The Proud Owners Are:
John and Jane Smith
Cookie likes to chase a soccer ball around the living room and it sometimes rolls over her. She likes rides in her remote control truck.

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8. Announcements

BRING YOUR FAMILY to the Telladaga Race Party. Starts at 12:30 p.m., April 21 at Margretaville M-72 West, Grayling. Free Taco Bar and great, great specials. Door prize drawings every 1/2 hr. Nascar die cast hats, coats and more for sale. Super deals must be present to win top prize at end of race. For more info call Chuck (231) 587-9830. (-18/8)

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NOTICE: Cheryl Mier and Pat Schiller resigned from the Board of Directors and do not represent the Crawford County Fair, except as a member. Signed Ronny Case, President, Crawford County Fair Association. (-18/8)

SKYLINE RESTAURANT SPECIALS Thursday Nite 8 oz. Prime Rib Dinner \$8.95. Friday nite Lake Perch dinner \$10.99. Pan Fried Walleye Dinner \$11.99 Baked Cod Fisket dinner \$9.95. Deep Fried Cod Basket \$5.99. Saturday Nite BBQ Rib Dinner \$8.95. 1/2 slab \$11.95, full slab. All dinners are served with soup, salad, vegetable and potatoes. Sunday, Nascar food and drink specials. (989) 275-5445. (2/28/02/1/8)

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9. Personals

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10. Garage Sales

BIG GARAGE SALE Saturday and Sunday, noon - 5 pm. April 20, 2002. (Rain date April 27, 2002 and April 28, 2002). Goodale's Ministorage, Industrial Park, Grayling Unit F-20. (-18/10)

GARAGE SALE Saturday, 20th, 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. 3331 Jones Lake Rd., Grayling. (-18/10)

GARAGE SALE Three miles west of Grayling at Terry's Sport Center. Something for everyone. Everyday 9-5 until April 30. (-18-25/10)

9. Personals

Happy 6th Birthday!
Nick Smock
"Surfin Dude"



Love, Dad, Mom & Hannah

11. Automotive

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99 CADILLAC SEVILLE
Really sharp with leather and all of the options! You gotta see this one! #22178 Was \$23,988
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Really clean and sharp! Power windows, locks, CD, automatic, air! #4859 Was \$12,988
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V-6, fully equipped and nice! #4835-1
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00 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SE
Leather, power moon roof, what! Must See! #4842
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4 dr, V6, CD, leather and roof! #4852
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Leather, CD, sharp! #4848-1
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4 dr, with leather, red in color with lots of flash! Good tires, brakes, ready to go! #4816 Was \$8,488
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A really nice car for a little money! #4703-1
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Nice car and priced right! Don't snore on this one! #4803
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1998 PLYMOUTH BREEZE
Auto with air, lots of nice options and clean! #18801-1
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Loaded with power moon roof, leather, heated seats, the works! Low miles! Awesome power color. This one will beg one if you wait. #28504
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99 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4X4
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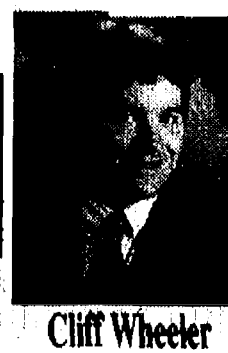
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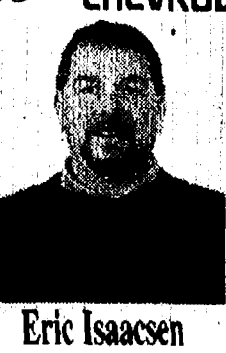
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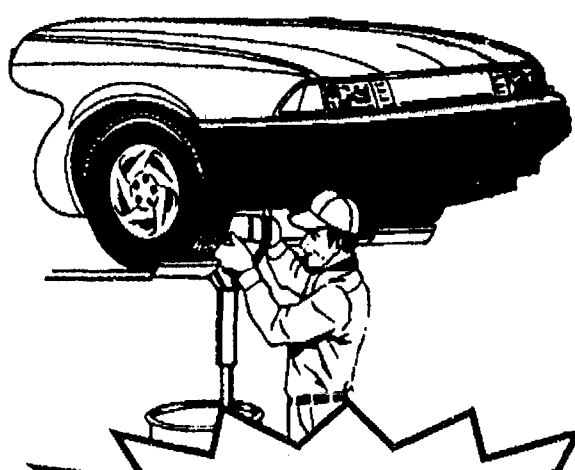
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U-M to host high school math, science summer camp

What are the principles of physics that make roller coasters run? Where did the stars and galaxies come from? How can you design new substances at the molecular level? What do the secret codes of the ancient Egyptians have in common with modern Internet security schemes? High school students can discover the answer to these and many other fascinating questions during an intensive summer math and science program at the University of Michigan.

"What makes our program unique is the total involvement of the regular faculty in a high school program," says Dan Burns, director of the Michigan Math and Science Scholars. "This is a great time to be involved in math and science. There are fabulous things going on and tremendously interesting careers, open to young people. So that's our goal --- to get them mixing it up directly with the people who are inventing the scientific world of the future and give them an idea of what's awaiting them in that future."

The Michigan Math & Science

Scholars [www.math.lsa.umich.edu/mmss] program consists of two, two-week sessions, June 30 - July 13 and July 14 - July 27. Qualified students will be admitted as their applications are received. Tuition for commuters is \$750 for two weeks of \$1,500 for four weeks; students who choose to stay in a residence hall on U-M's Central Campus will pay \$1,325 for two weeks or \$2,650 for four weeks. A limited amount of financial aid is available.

Applications are being accepted now. For a downloadable application form and complete information, visit the program's Web site: www.math.lsa.umich.edu/mmss/ or write to: Michigan Math and Science Scholars, Department of Mathematics, U-M, 2082 East Hall, 525 East University, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1109, or contact program coordinator Warren Noone, (734) 647-4466, mmss@umich.edu.

The Michigan Math and Science Scholars program is a collaboration

among seven academic departments, sponsored by the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and administered by the Department of Mathematics at the U-M. Additional funding is provided by the American Mathematical Society, the American Chemical Society and contributions from U-M mathematics alumni.

Contact the MMSS Program Coordinator for additional funding opportunities.

College tuition assistance information available

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000.

Most parents and students think scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church

Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need-based, billions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 900 different private scholarship sources. The scholarship list include the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

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Since 1969, ABWA has been a non-profit organization of Crawford County women developing their business skills, awarding scholarships, and having fun all at the same time. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a member, call Cathy at 348-6708; and be our guest at the next meeting.

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MILITARY NEWS

Specialist Joe Pendergraff, of Grayling, a member of Charlie Company 1st Battalion 125th Infantry, Michigan Army National Guard, was mobilized into federal service in support of Operation Noble Eagle on February 25.

Specialist Pendergraff is normally employed as a Michigan State Police Trooper at the Metro North Post in Oak Park. Specialist Pendergraff's wife, Heidi, is a teacher for Novi High School and they are expecting their first child in August.

Due to the events of September 11, national attention has been sharply focused on the security of our nation's borders. To prevent future attacks and protect the American public, equipment and personnel have been requested from the Department of Defense by federal agencies to assist in securing our nation's borders. Spc. Pendergraff, along with 146 other soldiers from the Michigan Army National Guard were mobilized on February 25 in support of Operation Noble Eagle and the war on terrorism.

The mobilization assists the Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Customs Service, and the Border Patrol in monitoring and securing our borders at the Ambassador Bridge and Windsor Tunnel, the Blue Water Bridge, and the International Bridge. The mobilization is expected to not exceed 179 days.

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Deadline is April 30, 2002. Here are some questions to get you started:

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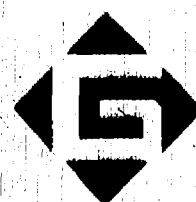
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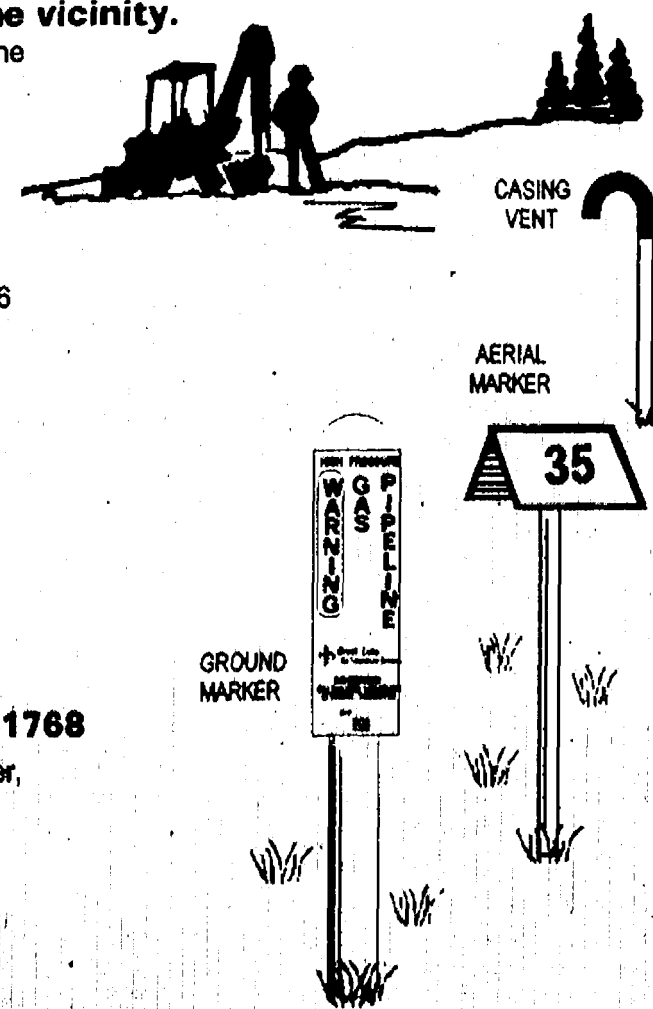
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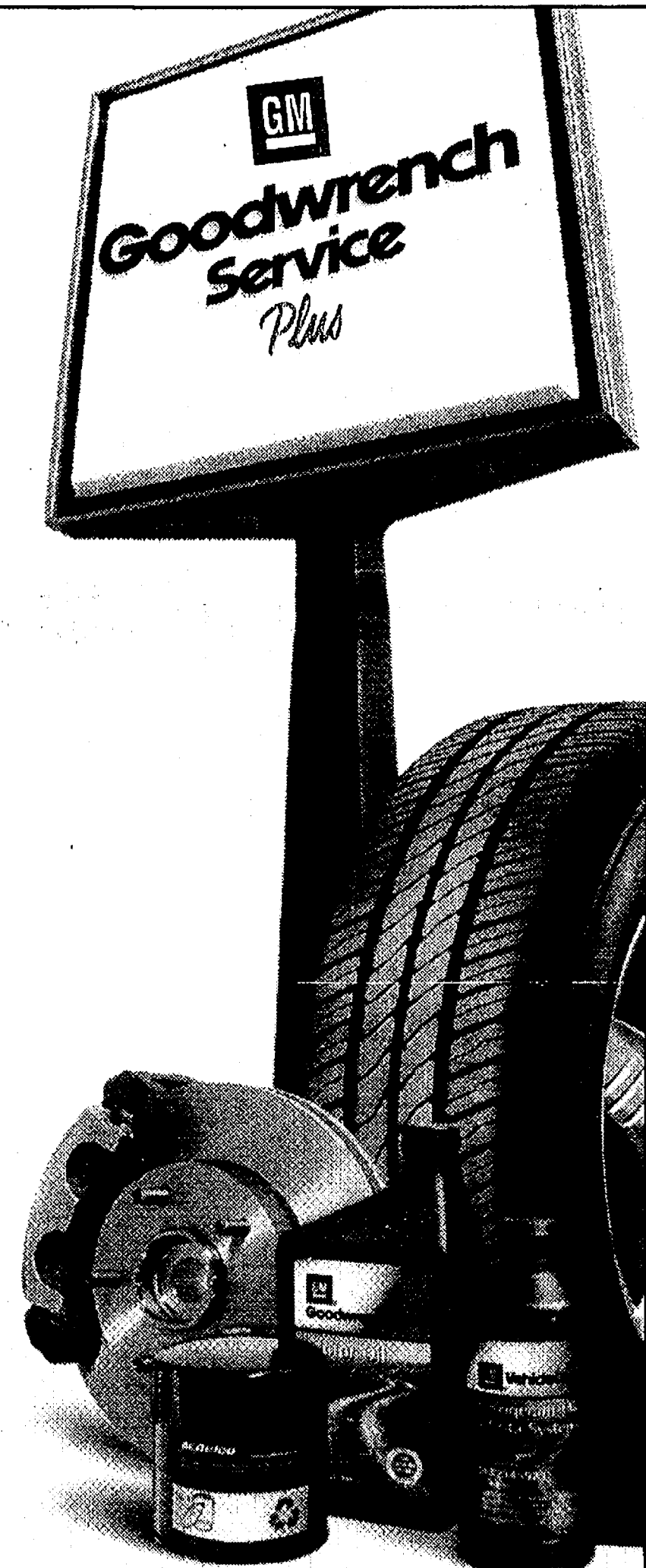
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The End of Winter Uncovers The Dark Side of Spring: Potholes!

Potholes Can Damage Tires and Wheels in Ways That May Not Be Visibly Apparent

Along with the flowers that accompany the annual spring thaw, there also comes a blight that wreaks havoc with thousand of motorists — potholes. These "road craters" are caused by the repeated freezing and thawing of moisture that seeps through the pavement. Each year thousands of tires are damaged due to those pesky "craters" that litter our streets.

Potholes can throw your car's front-end out of alignment, damage tires and wheels, and compromise your wheels' and tires' performance in ways that may not be visibly apparent.

In addition to hard rubber and other components, tires are made of a complex weave of steel and nylon belts that hold them together.

"Striking a pothole can cause the tire's belts to break or stretch," said Mark Richter, performance marketing manager for Yokohama. "This can cause the tire to feel unbalanced and the car to feel out of alignment."

However a far greater danger may exist. If the cords or belts of a tire are damaged or broken, it can degrade the tire's ability to hold itself together, causing the tire to come apart.

Yokohama Tire advises that you can minimize your chance of tire and wheel damage by keeping your tires properly inflated and having a tire dealer or service professional periodically check for damage.

A properly inflated tire not only improves fuel economy and extends tire life, but also helps reduce damage from potholes and other road hazards. When an underinflated tire hits a pothole, it can easily damage the

wheel of your vehicle. On the other hand, when a tire is over-inflated, hitting a pothole can damage the tire itself.

To find out what the proper tire inflation pressure is for your vehicle, refer to the vehicle owner's manual or placard (affixed to the vehicle door post or glove compartment door).

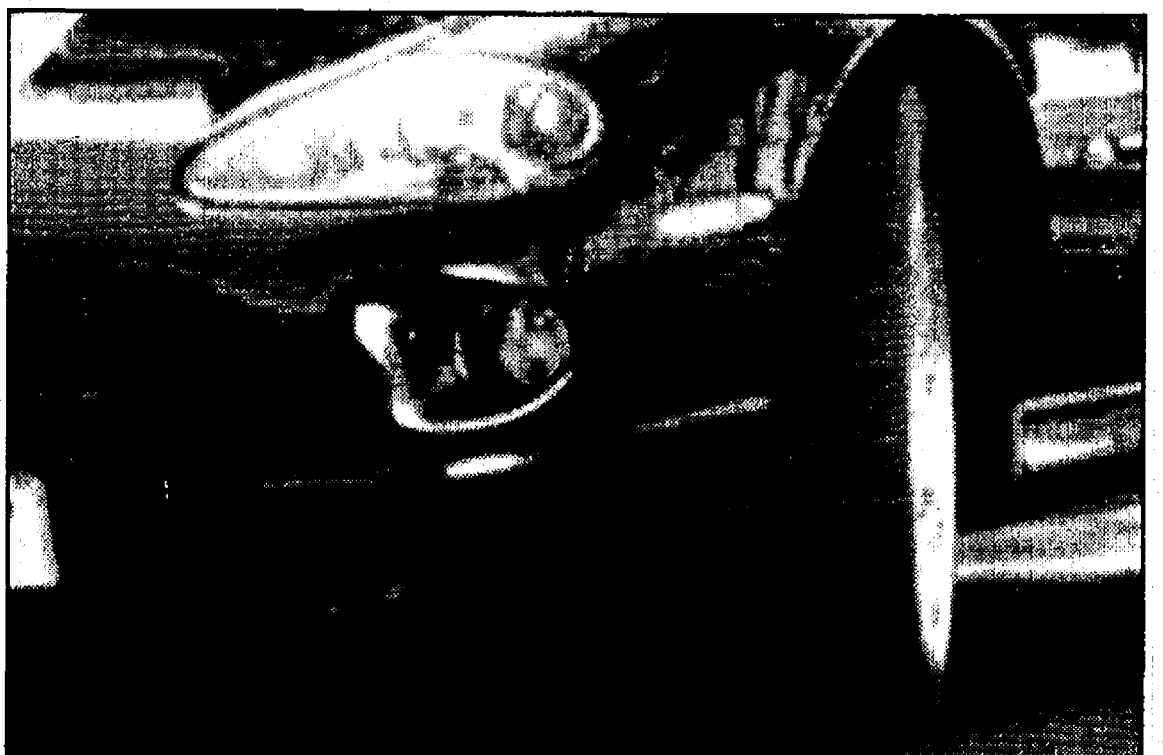
You can also help reduce pothole damage by looking ahead when driving in order to locate potholes and other road hazards before encountering them. The impact and damage potential of potholes increases dramatically with speed which could lead to tire failure weeks, or even months, later.

Yokohama strongly advises against applying the brakes during pothole impact. "Braking during impact sets up the tire/wheel assembly for a 'solid hit' against the edge of the hole," added Richter. "Instead, apply the brakes before hitting a pothole and release them just prior to impact. Less severe damage occurs when a tire is rolling, rather than skidding, over the hole."

The bumps and bangs of spring driving can take an enormous toll on your tires. Yokohama has identified some of those problems that are easily recognized:

- Noticeable bends in wheels
- Bumps protruding from the sidewall
- Recurring loss of air
- Vibration in the wheel or in the feet and seat
- The car's front end wanders on a flat straight surface

If you spot any of these anomalies, it's time to have your vehicle serviced. And remember to ask your tire service person to check shock absorbers and brakes for any problems. If detected and corrected in time, you can extend the life of that tire.



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Are You Leaving Rubber On The Road?

Wear on Tires, Along With Underinflation, Increases Rolling Distance

Compare your odometer readings with highway mileage markers before and after you've installed new tires and you'll see a difference. The new ones, with larger circumference, cover a slightly longer distance per revolution. That excuse may not hold water with the trooper who says you're going faster than your speedometer indicates.

The weight and dimensions of a tire change because the rubber wears away, accumulating an invisible pile at the side of the road, says the Car Care Council. Some of this rubber was scrubbed off because the wheels are out of alignment. (Remember how you can wear out a pencil eraser with the back and forth motion on paper?)

Imagine an average car, driven about 12,000 miles a year, going down the road with wheels misaligned by just 0.17 inches. The driver constantly tugs at the wheel to keep the car going straight down the road. In effect, the tires are being dragging sideways for the equivalent of 68 miles over the course of a year. This condition, along with underinflation, increases rolling resistance. End result, tires are wasted away and fuel economy plummets as your gas goes out the exhaust.

The solution: keep tires properly inflated and wheels aligned and balanced. As with so many services, wheel alignment has become a computerized business. Sophisticated equipment calculates the vehicle's measurements and compares this information with the original equipment specifications from the vehicle manufacturer.

The technician then makes

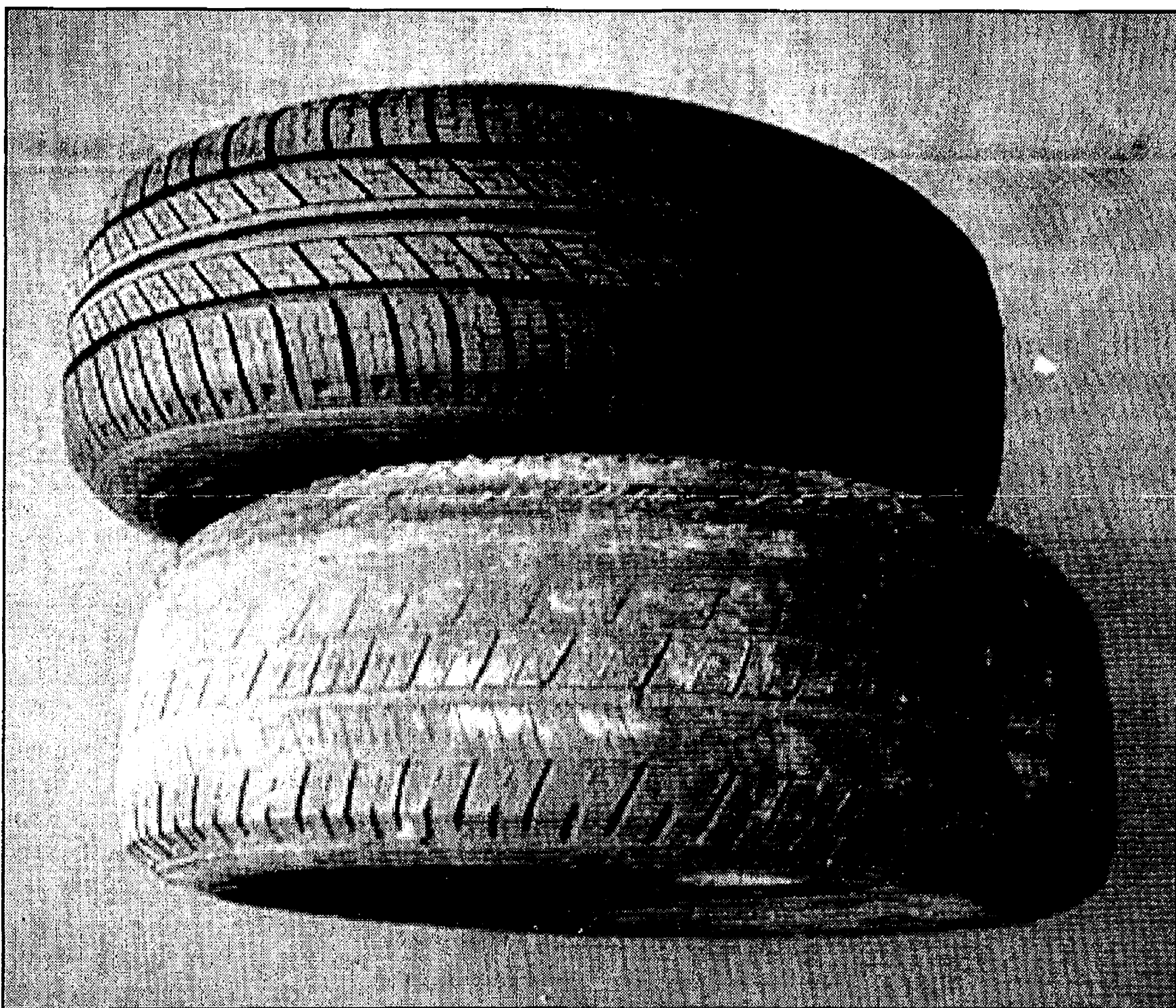
necessary adjustments and, if necessary, replaces worn components. Some front wheel drive cars have adjustable rear wheels, which also may need alignment.

How do you know if your tires are wearing too quickly or unevenly? Steering irregularities, such as pulling in one direction or wandering, indicate either one tire underinflated or wheels misaligned. Your alignment or tire expert can recognize and diagnose abnormal tread wear patterns, says the Council.

Determining and correcting the cause of abnormal wear can save a lot of money and go a long way toward improving the handling of the vehicle.

And it cuts down on the amount of rubber you'll leave on the road.

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It's not difficult to tell which of these tires has left rubber on the road.

Monitoring The Monitors

Ignoring your check engine light or covering it with tape is like burying your head in the sand.

The Car Care Council emphasizes that the various warning indicators are crucial; they monitor all critical functions of the vehicle, helping the driver avoid damage to the vehicle and/or the environment.

Whether these lights report on something as basic as overheating or low fuel or a more complex function such as mal-

functioning oxygen sensor or antilock braking system, each of these warning lights is there for good reason.

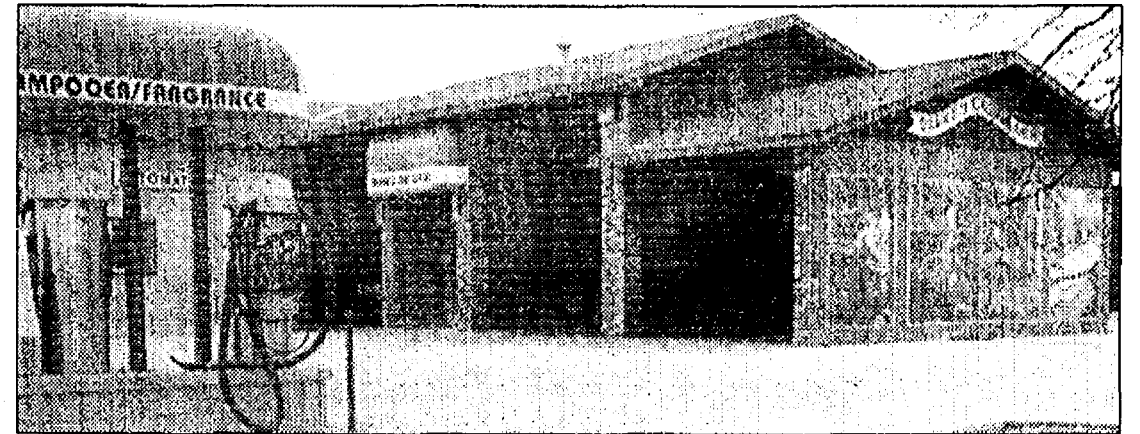
Be sure to note each time the ignition key is turned on, that all of the instrument panel warning lights illuminate. They should go out when the engine starts. If not, consult your owner's manual.

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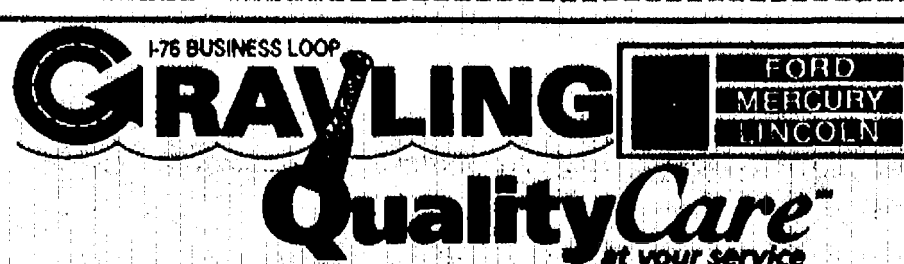
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Two Simple Checks Can Increase Your Chances of Avoiding a Vision-Related Crash

After September 11, everything changed, including travel. With more folks opting for road trips over air travel this vacation season, the highways could be packed. This means it's going to be especially important for motorists to see and be seen. Two simple checks that will increase your chances of avoiding a vision-related crash involve wipers and lighting.

WIPERS – During the most recent National Car Care Month vehicle check lanes, 21% of the participants had wipers that smeared, streaked or chattered across their windshields. Although climates vary, wipers generally need replacing every six months. An easy reminder is to change wiper blades in the spring and fall when you change your clock. Be



Hand signals are one way to communicate, but to really send a message to other motorists, turn signals that function correctly can't be beat.

sure the windshield washers are working properly, too, and keep the reservoir filled with solvent.

LIGHTING – Another important pre-trip check should be exterior and interior lighting. Vehicle check lanes revealed an over-all failure rate of over 25% in the lighting category. The Car Care Council reminds motorists to check their lights monthly.

Other suggestions from the Council include turning on headlights both day and night.

This helps define your car's position on the road, and its distance from other drivers.

Remember, your lights are the only way you have to communicate with other drivers. When the lighting is defective, the other motorists may never see the message that you intend to stop or turn. Either way, the end result could be disastrous.

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Tips to Help Your Car Survive the Summer Heat

High Temperatures, Heavy Cargo Loads, and Stop-and-Go Traffic Put Extra Stress on Vehicles

(NUI) – "Summertime and the living is easy" – until an automobile breakdown ruins your vacation. Summer's high temperatures, heavy cargo loads, and stop-and-go traffic put extra stress on your vehicle, so it should be ready for the challenge. Some preparation before the hottest weather strikes will help minimize the chance of trouble.

The experts at the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence offer the following tips for getting your vehicle ready for summer:

- Read the owner's manual and follow the recommended service schedules.
- Flush and refill the cooling system according to the service manual's recommendations. Check the level, condition and concentration of the coolant periodically. Let the engine cool down before removing the radiator cap.
- Have a marginally operating air conditioner system serviced by a qualified technician.
- Correct engine performance problems such as hard starts, rough idling and stalling.
- Have a qualified auto technician check the condition of belts, clamps and hoses.

• Change the oil and oil filter as specified in the owner's manual. Dispose of used oil properly.

• Replace other filters (air, fuel, PCV) as recommended.

• Check the condition of your tires, including the spare. Let tires cool down before checking air pressure.

• Inspect all lights and replace burned out bulbs.

• Replace worn wiper blades. Keep plenty of washer solvent on hand to fight summer's dust and insects.

• If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, look for repair facilities that employ ASE-certified automotive technicians. ASE-certified technicians wear blue and white ASE shoulder insignia and carry credentials listing their areas of certification. Their employers often display the blue and white ASE sign.

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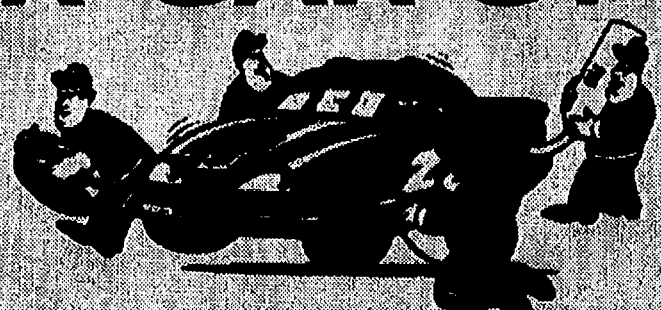


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Distractions That Can Affect Your Driving

Driver Inattention Is A Leading Cause of Traffic Accidents

The cell phone has gained notoriety for contributing to accidents because drivers allow phone conversations to divert their attention from the road. While driver inattention stakes its claim as a leading cause of traffic accidents, the cell phone should not shoulder all the blame.

Among distractions:

1. Settling an argument among kids in the back seat
2. Selecting or changing tapes or CDs while driving
3. Applying make-up, shaving and/or sipping coffee while driving
4. Trying to accomplish both (2) and (3) simultaneously
5. Doing (4) while talking on the phone.

Don't risk your life while driving, says the Car Care Council, or allow other such distractions to put you at risk. What are these other distractions? Examples include:

1. Doo-dads hanging from the rear view mirror - Take 'em down. They can obstruct vision out of both the front and rear windows. Hey, it's a free fix.
2. A damaged rear view mirror - Get it repaired. Many of your driving decisions are only as



Applying make-up and talking on a cell phone are just two of many types of driver distractions that can lead to accidents.

good as the view from your mirrors.

3. Worn windshield wiper blades - Replace them. Smeared glass and chattering blades can be unnerving. Blades are inexpensive and you can probably do the installation yourself.

4. Torn or frayed car mats - Get new ones. The old mats can catch a heel and force your foot down on the gas or brake.

5. Droopy headliner - Purchase a kit to reattach it or

buy a new one. Material draping down in the back obstructs the view out of the rear window.

Determine what annoyances you can fix yourself and which ones need professional attention, says the Car Care Council, then act immediately. To delay could mean an accident waiting to happen.

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Surviving High Fuel Prices

Changing Your Motoring Habits Can Help Cut Gasoline Costs

(NUI) - Americans have a real love affair with their cars. For that reason, it's important to save gas any way you can - prices seem to be going up every day.

The experts at YouWinIt.com can help you do just that by giving you lots of great tips for saving gas and money. Fortunately, the surest way to improve your fuel cost problem isn't by buying expensive add-on equipment - it's by changing your motoring habits.

It's easier than you might think. Start with engine warm-up. Avoid prolonging this process, even on the coldest mornings - 30 to 45 seconds is really all you need. Avoid revving the engine, especially just before you switch it off, because this wastes fuel and washes oil down from the inside cylinder walls.

Another good idea is to eliminate jack-rabbit starts. Accelerate slowly when starting

from a dead stop, and don't push the pedal more than a quarter of the way. This will help your carburetor operate at peak efficiency.

The gasoline you buy - and where and when - can also help you save gas. Buy it during the coolest time of day, either early in the morning or late in the evening. Gas is most dense at these times, and gas pumps measure volume of gasoline, not density of fuel concentration.

The way you drive also can help you be more economical. Exceeding 40 miles per hour makes your car work harder to overcome wind resistance. Obeying speed limits also gives you better efficiency. For example, driving at 55 mph gives you up to 21 percent better mileage, compared with speeds of 65 and 75 mph.

Manual shift driven cars allow you to shift to the highest gear quickly, which saves gas. Automatic transmissions should be allowed to cool down when your car is idling. Put the gear

into the neutral position, which reduces the strain on your transmission and allows it to cool off. Driving steadily is another good idea, because slowing down and speeding up waste fuel.

And don't overlook carpooling, which helps reduce gas expense in addition to other benefits - it helps keep the driver alert and reduces traffic congestion.

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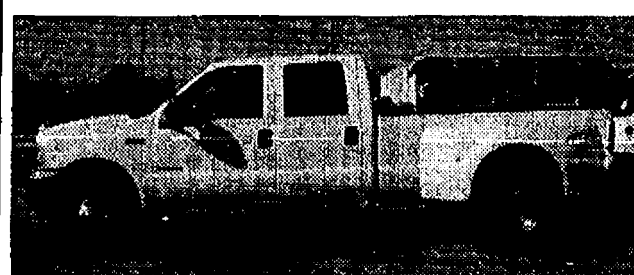
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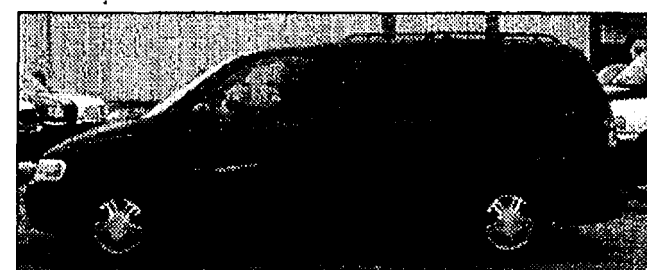
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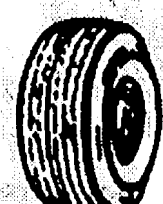


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You May Never Know The Difference, But Then Again...

Gas-Electric Hybrids Use Both an Internal Combustion Engine and an Electric Motor

You probably didn't notice the difference when manufacturers began putting fluoride in your toothpaste or flame retardant in your kids' pajamas. Still, those were great ideas. Gas-electric hybrid (GEH) cars are another great idea, but chances are you won't notice the difference between them and a conventional vehicle unless you're in the driver's seat or paying the fuel bill.

How Does It Work?

Basically, gas-electric hybrids

use both an internal combustion engine and an electric motor for propulsion, according to the Car Care Council. However, the electric motor is more for support, like solar panels on a house. It is designed to assist the gas engine, decreasing the amount of fuel that's needed.

Interestingly, the design of this combination can vary from vehicle to vehicle. On some hybrids the electric motor is designed to power the front wheels while on others it replaces the starter and alternator. In addition, its responsibilities may include powering a number of electrical accessories. On two models of hybrid trucks, the electric motor also can serve as a portable power generator.

A Win-Win-Win

Many motorists see fuel economy as the hybrid's biggest draw, says the Council. The most efficient model currently on the market is rated at an impressive 68 mpg on highway, 61 in the city. Even gas guzzling SUVs post as much as a 20% increase in fuel-efficiency with hybrid technology. However, gas savings isn't the only benefit that turns heads, there are two other perks.

Hybrid vehicles not only spew

fewer pollutants into the air, they also boost performance.

1) Between the smaller size of the electric motor and the feature that turns off the engines when the car is stopped (not available on all GEH vehicles) these vehicles are going to be more environmentally friendly than their counterparts with combustion engines.

2) The increased performance of GEH vehicles is a result of the immediate torque provided by the electric motor. Unlike a combustion engine, it doesn't have to wait around for a higher rpm level before it gets wound up and takes off.

When Can I Test Drive One?

Gas-electric hybrids (GEH) are coming on strong for their fuel saving, emissions-reducing and performance enhancing technology. They are getting rave reviews from owners, and the automakers are getting the message. Currently there are 3 gas-electric hybrids on the market; by 2004 motorists will have at least 8 options ranging from two-seaters to sport-utes to pick-ups.

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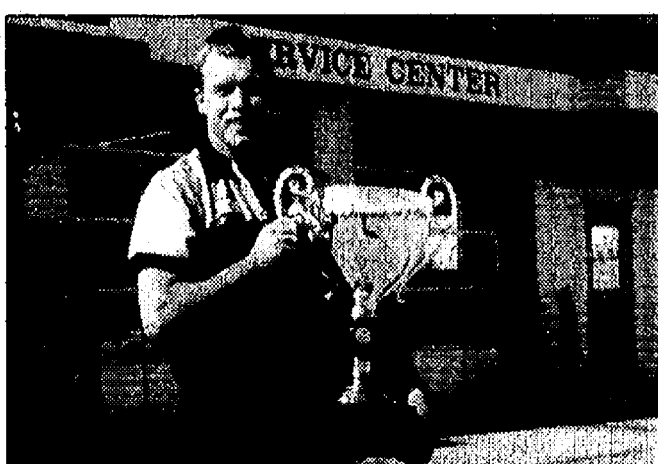
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The Ripple Effect of Vehicle Neglect

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It wasn't the clamp that cost the big bucks, of course, it was the damage the loose clamp caused; how a situation can snowball.

Harold had detected the odor of antifreeze from his overheating engine. Later, after returning to his parked car, he saw a puddle underneath. Having seen no "check engine" light, he shrugged his shoulders, figuring he'd have it looked into on his day off.

Bad decision, Harold. By next week, after an unexpected rush trip to the airport, the leak had become a gush. Without coolant, the engine overheated, losing power and making ominous noises. Looking for a service facility on the busy highway, Harold kept on driving until the engine was damaged.

First, the aluminum cylinder head became warped, after which overheated piston rings, bearings and valves were damaged. Grooves worn into the cylinder walls put the finishing touches to

this engine. It was ready for major overhaul.

"But what's with this estimated \$800 for transmission work," he asked. "The car has been shifting just fine."

The mechanic explained that Harold unwittingly had "cooked" his automatic transmission when he procrastinated replacing that seemingly inconsequential hose clamp. The transmission is cooled by the engine cooling system.

Does this remind you of throwing a pebble in a pond, just to count the number of ripples? Unfortunately, in this case, the ripple effect is much worse than the circles of water moving away from the stone. These ripples will cost big money. It happens every day, according to the Car Care Council, who emphasize that most catastrophic automotive repairs could be avoided with preventive maintenance.

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- Gasoline
- Engine oil
- Transmission fluid
- Brake fluid
- Power steering fluid
- Lubricant from CV joint boots or, on rear drive vehicles, the rear axle
- Windshield washer solvent

A leak can lead to serious consequences, says the Car Care Council. Run out of brake fluid and you've run out of brakes. Run out of power steering fluid and you'll have to strong-arm it. When either anti-freeze coolant, engine oil or transmission fluid level gets too low, you can cause serious damage to the engine and/or transmission.

All of this information, in one form or another, is in the vehicle owner's manual, one of the most widely distributed and least read publications in literary history. Unlike in automobile racing, most motorists take their vehicles for granted . . . until something goes wrong.

Keep your engine clean so you can find a leak and point it out to your technician. Also, be on the alert for telltale drips where the vehicle is parked. Use a large sheet of paper under the area where the drip is seen, to identify the fluid.

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Three useful things you can do in five minutes or less:

1. Hard boil an egg
2. Read this article
3. Check all the fluids under the hood of your car.

The third one may be the most valuable five minutes of your day considering that finding just one fluid, such as brake fluid or power steering fluid, before it gets too low could help prevent an accident. Catching low antifreeze-coolant can save your engine and a lot of money.

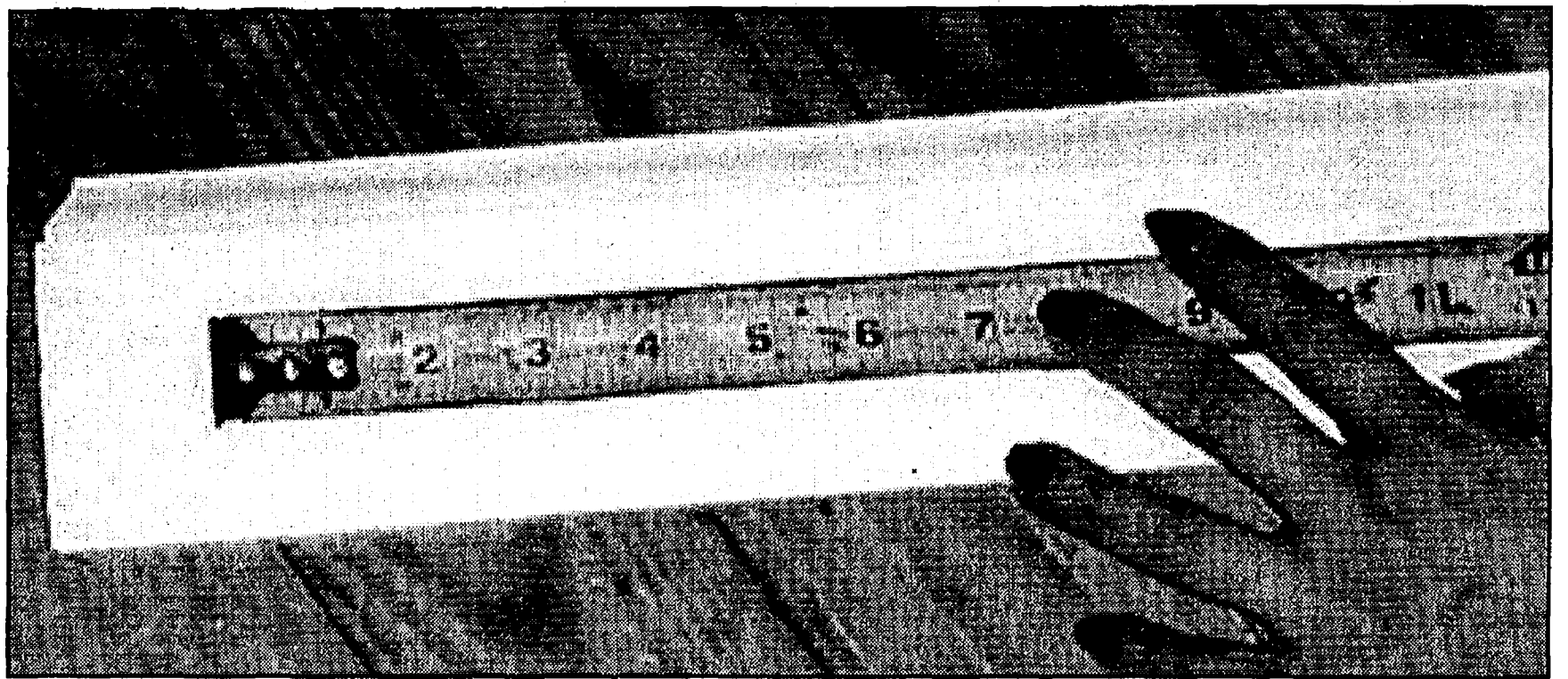
Topping off windshield washer fluid before it's too low can be the difference between not seeing an accident and avoiding it.

Some of these — brake fluid, anti-freeze-coolant and windshield washer solvent levels — are easy to see, says the Car Care Council. They're in translucent reservoirs. Others, such as the engine oil, transmission and power steering fluid, are checked with dipsticks. As noted in the owner's manual, reminds the Council, overfilling can be counter-productive, especially in the case of engine oil and transmission fluid. Too much of these fluids build up pressure, which can damage a seal.

Overfilling can be due to an

incorrect reading of the dipstick. If it is not inserted all the way, says the Council, it will show a low oil or fluid level. Topping off could cause overfilling. Follow instructions in the vehicle owner's manual. Pull the dipstick, wipe it dry with a clean towel and re-insert it all the way. Another tip: don't check the oil immediately after shutting off the engine. That also can cause a low reading. Let the engine sit, shut off, for about five minutes to be sure all of the oil at the top of the engine has drained down into the crankcase.

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The tape must be at the end of the board for a correct measurement just like your dipstick must be fully inserted to measure fluids accurately.

Orange Barrels in Bloom

Spring Brings Local and State Road Construction Season

While springtime may bring sunshine, green leaves and colorful flowers, it also means that state and local departments of transportation will be planting orange barrels and cones on roadways across the country.

"Although roadway work zones are necessary to improve roads and make them safer, they may also cause challenging driving conditions for motorists," said Mary Kimbro, of the CertifiedFirst™ Network. "Obstacles such as loose gravel or dirt, changing speed limits, modified traffic patterns and construction vehicles pulling in and out of traffic can make for dangerous situations, and motorists need to expect the unexpected."

Here are some safety tips to help you better navigate roadway work areas:

- Be alert for ORANGE warning signs and barrels along the roadway.
- Proceed with caution and follow all signs and directives.
- Watch your speed and be aware of reduced speed limits. Remember, fines are doubled in many states for violations in work zones.
- Look out for workers and

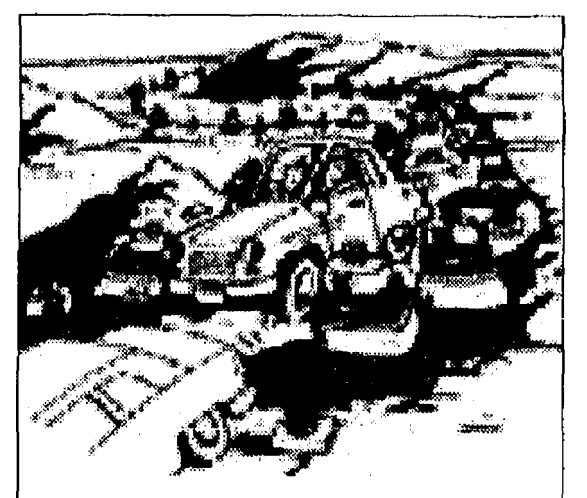


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construction vehicles.

- Try not to change lanes while in a work zone, even where permissible.
- Always maintain a safe following distance behind other vehicles.
- Minimize distractions in your vehicle when driving through work zones. Avoid changing radio stations, CDs and using mobile phones.

If you are involved in a work zone collision, move your vehicle to a safe portion of the roadway if possible, and be aware of other vehicles proceeding through the area.

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